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## Polish superstar boosts Rasic comeback



● Rale Rasic

**Syd Olympic v. APIA-L'hard**  
National Cup St. George Stadium, Sunday, 4pm

Rale Rasic, soon to be joined by two block-busting super-stars from Europe, aims to re-establish his coaching reputation with APIA after two years out of the game.

He remains bitter over the way he was dumped by South Melbourne Hellas after building the Hellas team in early 1983.

It was largely due to Rasic's recruiting work that Hellas did so

well in subsequent seasons. How would the club have fared had he not signed Oscar Crino, Bobby Russell, Doug Brown, Ken Murphy and John Yzendoorn?

At APIA, he's signed Tony Pezzano from Hakoah, Alex Bundalo and Zivko Hristovski from Wollongong, Darren Stewart from Newcastle-Rosebud and Mark Koussas from Sydney Olympic.

But the two big guns are yet to arrive. One of them is Polish and he's apparently captain of his club. He and the other player are both full internationals.

Meanwhile, Sydney Olympic recruits Stuart Stevenson and Vicente Estavillo both have been vowing the Greek fans. Simon Brandt from Newcastle-Rosebud also is playing his way into form.

Coach Manfred Schaefer aims to

have Chris Kalantzis and Marshall Soper on either side of striker Stuart Stevenson.

But not this week. Soper is having a few personal problems and his form has suffered, so he probably will start on the bench, with Brandt taking his place up front.

APIA and Olympic clashed in a friendly game in Newcastle on Saturday, and the result was an easy 4-0 victory for Olympic. Stevenson scored twice, Kalantzis and Stuart Johnston once each.

But Rasic wasn't there. He was in Fiji on business, and John Stoddart was in charge of the side.

Mike Coady, back from overseas, will partner in-form Tony Dakos — what a player he is! — in the middle of Olympic's defence; Martyn Rogers is at right back,

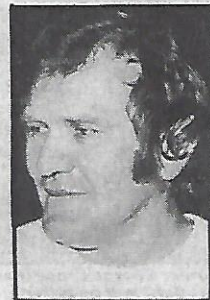
and it looks like Alex Lambropoulos will edge out Andy Stankovic for the left back position.

In midfield, Garry Phillips — described by Schaefer as potentially the team's top player of 1986 — and Peter Raskopoulos are certainties, with Vicente Estavillo likely to take the other position, ahead of Richie Burke, the former Everton man.

This match, coupled with the St. George-Marconi clash, presents fans with a mouth-watering double-header of exceptional soccer, and so a 10,000 crowd is quite on the cards.

The likely APIA team is, Pezzano — Steven, Bertogna, Ziras, Brown — Bundalo, Butler, Stewart, Hristovski — Koussas, Dounis.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



● Manfred Schaefer

## CHAMPS IN STRIFE

### Zinni speaks out as Juve faces Croatia

**B'wick Juventus v Melb. Croatia.**  
National Cup, Olympic Park, Saturday 8.45pm (approx).

Cracks are opening up in the solid facade of Juventus's 1985 champion team. Andrew Zinni back after injury, was contemplating a transfer as we went to press, Mehmet Durakovic was trying to join Footscray JUST, Rino Minichiello is off to Italy, and discontent was starting to simmer among supporters.

The defensive strength of Peter Lewis, Brian Brown, Yakkia Banovic & Co. will, of course, make this a difficult game for Melbourne Croatia, and no-one can deny the strength of a midfield boasting Paul Wade, Mike Petersen, Robbie Cullen and now, following John Yzendoorn's transfer from Hellas, John Dowie who vacates the sweeper's position and pushes forward.

But Petersen, Cullen and Wade haven't shown the same verve as they did last year, and Juventus's attack has been largely ineffective.

By contrast, Croatia has been scoring regularly and, more important, playing the sort of skilful, inventive soccer that fans will pay to watch.

Zinni, scorer of nine NSL goals in 18 games last season and a favorite of the Juventus fans, remained available at his \$6000 maximum transfer fee as we went to press.

He had agreed verbally to stay with the club but was having second thoughts.



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● Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia before the Ansett Challenge Shield match won 3-1 by the Victorians at Olympic Park last Sunday. From left, standing: Zarko Odzakovic, Drago Deankovic, Zelko Jurin, Ante Bilaver, Vedran Rozic, Robert Markovic, Emil Dragicevic, John Gusic, Tony Redmond, Gary Ward, Steve Gojevic, Dave McIntosh, Steve Watson, Marjan Kovacic, George Hannah, Greg Woodhouse, John Kero, Alex Kovacic, Mark Talajic. Front: Mirko Runja, Zelko Govic, Graham Arnold (front), Luka Bonacic (rear), Jimmy Campbell, Wally Savor, Davor Todoric, Graham Jennings, Drago Rezo, Josip Biskic, Shane Clinch (rear), Joe Caleta, Tony Curcio. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

"I have not been happy with the club," he said. "I was given one game on the forward line, three days after getting back from a holiday in Argentina. I missed a lot of chances, but at least we were creating things which couldn't be said of later games."

"Then I was pushed back into a midfielder. I've been a forward all my life. I'm not a midfielder!"

"I've been pretty upset about things. I just hope that the new coach, Len McKendry, is prepared to give me a fair go."

Zinni appears to be the only player with the qualities necessary to make McKendry's attacking plan work, because he's the only fast forward in the squad. The others, Fabio Incantalupo, Joe Sweeney and Jamie Paton, are not fast. Joe Palatides has speed but for all his ability, it looks like he'll be dumped onto the bench.

Paton, signed from Footscray JUST, is supposed to lay off first-time passes for team-mates. He did that at Heidelberg, where Gary Cole used his speed and strength to make the most of Paton's service.

Apart from having the speed for that type of close-in action, Zinni also is ideal for breakaways.

Yet he fears he may be dropped altogether. Fabio Incantalupo, out for a month due to a recurrence of his old knee injury, has similar fears.

Here's how Zinni and Incantalupo see their predicament: With Cullen, Petersen, Dowie and Wade in midfield, there will be no room there except if one of the four is injured.

Up front, Joe Sweeney appears to be a permanent fixture now, although there was talk earlier that he may go to Heidelberg. Paton, like Yzendoorn, is a favorite of McKendry's. Yzendoorn will play as sweeper — that's as certain as the stripes on a zebra — and if Paton recovers his fitness of old, he probably will be in as well.

Where, then, does all that leave Zinni and Incantalupo?

Croatia has beaten Juventus in their past two meetings — 2-0 in the Buffalo Cup and 1-0 in the 1985 Dockerty Cup semi-final. Croatia also beat Juventus 2-0 in the 1985 National Cup, and drew 1-1 in one of their two league games last season.

One win out of five is by no means a good strike rate, especially since Croatia is in such scintillating form.

Juventus has, to a disturbing degree, resorted to "knuckle" so far this season. Let's hope that this match does not degenerate into spite.

Likely teams:

CROATIA: Runja — Deankovic, McIntosh, Curcio, Hannah — Biskic, Bonacic, Campbell, Gojevic — Ward, Todoric.

JUVENTUS: Banovic — Lewis, Yzendoorn, Brown, Campbell — Cullen, Wade, Petersen, Dowie — Sweeney, Zinni or Paton.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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# Uruguayans paid Sekularac the ultimate compliment

The Melbourne soccer fraternity now has a fair dinkum international superstar in its midst.

Dragoslav Sekularac is as revered in Yugoslavia as Pele or Stanley Matthews in their respective countries. Only a red hot temper and a distaste for authority have prevented him from joining the very elite of world soccer — certainly the raw ability could never be doubted.

Born in 1937, Sekularac was a mere teenager when he helped Red Star establish itself as Yugoslavia's premier side.

Red Star was also one of the teams which gave the early seasons of the European Champions' Cup a unique flavor, while its inside right emerged among the new competition's most colorful and exciting individuals.

By PAUL MOON

On the international front, "Sekki" became the orchestrator of Yugoslavia's most successful era. The Yugoslavs gained the runners-up spot at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne and the 1960 European Championship, plus fourth place in the 1962 World Cup finals.

The Chile Mundial witnessed the brooding, elusive schemer at the peak of his powers. Only Brazil's Didi could claim to have been a peer during that tournament and after one particularly devastating performance against Uruguay, the South American players paid an unparalleled tribute when they carried their chief tormentor off the park on their shoulders!

Amazingly for such a gifted player, he won only 38 caps. That was due primarily to a fiery temperament which rejected all at-

tempts at discipline, particularly when confronted by successive Yugoslav national team coaches who insisted upon playing him on the right wing, when the Red Star man felt far more comfortable as a deep-lying inside right.

Invariably in such circumstances, he would gradually drift back into his favored position as the game progressed!

A short fuse also resulted in an unfortunately high number of sendings-off, but the Yugoslav federation still permitted him to end his playing days abroad as a reward for past services.

After spending the 1966-67 season with Karlsruhe of West Germany's Bundesliga, Sekularac ended his career in South America. Independiente Sante Fe (Colombia) and Emelec (Ecuador) were the most notable clubs to benefit from the veteran's fading, but still gold-edged, wizardry.

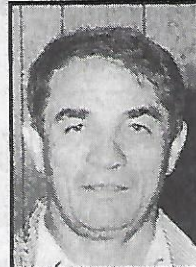
Emelec also offered him his first coaching opportunity before Sekularac, appropriately for someone with gypsy blood, started roaming Latin America, regularly switching posts and addresses.

In 1984, he was appointed national team coach of Guatemala.

Only a penalty save from replacement goalkeeper Paul Dolan (who also proved an impenetrable barrier to the young Australians during the last Coca-Cola Cup finals) enabled Canada to eliminate Sekularac's Guatemalans from the World Cup last May.

But for Dolan, the great Yugoslav might now be planning strategies for Mexico, rather than plotting JUST's future.

At the very least, Sekularac's presence in Melbourne should provide a rallying point for all the city's Yugoslav soccer followers. If so, the vital first stage of JUST's revival has begun.



• Drago Sekularac

## 6am training, extra \$100 for each win

### Geo. Cross v. Foots. JUST

Middle Park, Sunday, 3.30pm

Footscray J.U.S.T. completed the transfer of midfielder Vlado Bozinovski from Hellas for \$8000 last week and striker Paul Simic also may play, if he's

### back in Drago Sekularac's good books.

Simic has been scoring goals galore in practice matches, as have Ossi Latif and Vlado Stolic.

Simic is a former JUST top-scorer who left to play for Broadmeadows and is now making a determined bid to resume his NSL career.

However, he incurred Sekularac's displeasure when he arrived an hour late for training last week, and immediately was sent home.

Meanwhile, JUST will pay its players \$100 more than last year for each win, plus extra bonuses based on successive wins.

And coach Sekularac added a 6am training session to his six evening sessions last week to round off his players' preparation!

That's right, they rolled up before going to work and returned after work for the evening session! Sekularac desperately wanted to complete his pre-season training programme before the first match, and that's the only way he could do it.

The players weren't happy, needless to say, but they turned up nevertheless.

The effect of their rigorous preparation will be seen at Middle Park against George Cross.

"George" lost out in his bid to recruit Tummy Cumming from Green Gully.

George Cross coach John Gardiner therefore has no additions to the players he used in the Buffalo Cup with considerable success.

Tight team-work and a strong defence led by Tyrone James are "George's" hallmark, the club continues to look to England for reinforcement.

ments but none have been found so far.

It will be a special match for Ossi Latif, playing against his former club. He was George Cross's top scorer with 21 goals in league and Cup matches last season, and JUST hopes he contributes as much to his new club in 1986.

He certainly has the ideal partner in Vlado Stolic, the 21-year-old from Red Star Belgrade.

I saw him only in a short practice match against Pascoe Vale, which JUST won 8-0, but his general play and his three goals in that match stamped him as one of the most talented strikers to have come here from Yugoslavia.

While Gardiner's well-rehearsed team virtually picks it-

self, Sekularac still faces a few problems.

He's been trying to turn midfielder Vlatko Belic into a stopper, he's had Tom Karic playing at right back although Karic previously was the stopper, and there's still a little doubt about the fitness of Vojislav Vukcevic.

George Cross should have an edge in midfield, but the JUST is more skilful and its forwards look capable of breaking down George Cross's defence, so I'm tipping JUST.

Likely teams: FOOTSCRAY JUST: Nikitovic — Karic, Vukcevic, Belic, Petrovski — Tapal, Bozinovski, Lukic — Stolic, Simic, Latif.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner — Taylor, James, Parton, Campbell — Mitten, Faulkner, MacLaren, Bain, Lennon, Gilder.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Watch Wotherspoon!

### Inter-Monaro v. Canberra

Seiffert Oval, Wednesday, March 26, 7.30pm

Last time these two teams met, they drew 0-0, thanks to Olympians goalkeeper George Economopoulos who saved a penalty by Inter Monaro's Angelo Ambrosino.

That was in the NSW Ampol Cup. Inter Monaro reached the final, where it was beaten 1-0 by Sydney Croatia, while Canberra Olympians failed to progress past the first round, although with two wins and three draws, it was unbeaten.

Since then, Canberra appears to have lost brilliant

forward Manis Lamond, who says he wants to join a Sydney club.

Peter Mazis has slotted nicely into the Olympians' defence, alongside experienced Peter Burke and Jim Harkins, while Tommy Serranni and Terry Byrne provide the midfield leadership, along with Steve Bryant who have been Canberra's best player for about three years now.

Inter Monaro appears solid enough to perhaps vie for a top-five position. Ian Wotherspoon is described by his former Penrith team mate Dave McIntosh as "one of the finest midfielders in Australia." He has made a difference since joining Inter-Monaro, which also is benefiting from the fine form of striker Sebastian Giampolo.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

## Cavanagh, Crabtree boost Rosebud

### New-Rosebud v. Bel. Swansea

Adamstown Oval, Saturday, 7pm

Belmont-Swansea's first-ever appearance in the National Cup is likely to be its last, but Newcastle-Rosebud's defenders will have their work cut out in trying to curb Belmont's deadly goalscoring trio.

Peter Windsor, Northern NSW's top scorer last season, notched 17 to spearhead Belmont's championship triumph while his henchmen, Graham Hills and Neil Harrower, notched nine and eight respectively.

Newcastle-Rosebud will introduce its two English recruits, John Cavanagh from Rochdale and Paul Crabtree from Burnley.

Without them, however, the team finished on top of its Ampol Cup group but lost 0-2 to Inter Monaro in the quarter-finals.

Its results were: 3-2 v. Sydney Olympic (goals: Naumov 2, Todd), v. St. George 2-2 (Ow-

ens, Riddell), v. Polonia 3-1 (Naumov, Riddell, Rowney), v. Canterbury 3-1 (ingham 2, Todd), v. Uruguay 1-0 (Garland).

Impressive results indeed, and Newcastle is yet to get stronger!

New coach Peter Irving must be doing something right. Newcastle-Rosebud's likely lineup: Gusling — Meier, Jones, Bannon, Garland — Naumov, Senkalski, Owens, Crabtree — Todd, Cavanagh.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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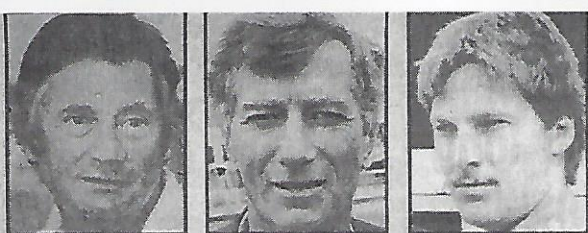
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## Margaritis hits back

"Who cares about Zvendorn? He was among the players I was going to get rid of."

So said Hellas coach John Margaritis in response to statements made by Zvendorn in the Press after his transfer to Juventus.

"We know of his record with coaches other than Len McKendry," Margaritis said. Zvendorn was quoted as saying that he wanted to leave Hellas because he did not enjoy training under Margaritis. He said that Margaritis tried to get into an argument with him when he (Zvendorn) said he didn't enjoy the training, but he did not want any animosity, he wanted to leave peacefully. Zvendorn said he didn't think Hellas

should have run on the beach as part of their training.

About Zvendorn and McKendry having both been at Heidelberg, Hellas, now Juventus and with the State squad, Zvendorn said it had been due to fate and circumstances.

Manny Poulakakis, who coached Zvendorn at Heidelberg, also bought into the argument. He rang "Soccer Action" to say: "Who is Zvendorn to criticise Margaritis? I coached both Zvendorn and Margaritis as players, and Margaritis was much, much better than Zvendorn. Margaritis was a creator and a finisher and he came here after having played as a full international for Greece. Zvendorn was an unknown."

"Margaritis now is the finest coach in Australia because he made Juventus the champion team of Australia."

"Zvendorn has played politics for too long. He should just stick to playing."

## Hellas finely tuned, pity poor Juventus

### SM-Hellas v. Juve Pioneer

Middle Park, Sunday, 1.30 pm

Hellas coach John Margaritis carefully has been keeping his team away from Middle Park, preferring to play practice matches in Hobart and in the suburbs.

He wanted Hellas to be finely tuned before it faced its own supporters who were so critical of the team's performances in the Buffalo Cup.

Margaritis has been working conscientiously and diligently as he always does, and has so much faith in his players that he expects them not only to finish in the top five, but to win the 1986 national championship!

Doug Brown, NSL top scorer of 1983 and 1984, has been knocking in goals regularly in recent matches, and the return of Alan Davidson has been of enormous value to the team's strength and morale.

Davidson has the knack of lifting the confidence and performance of players around him due to his fanatical determination, cocky self-confidence and hunger for the ball.

Surely there are few finer midfield combinations in Australian soccer than Davidson, Garry McDowell, Richard Miranda and Ken Murphy. Margaritis has pledged to give Davidson a lot more freedom in midfield than he had previously while playing on the right. How it will be made possible remains to be seen, but Margaritis wants Davidson to join the strikers and go for goals when he has the chance.

Under Len McKendry, Davidson was wasted as a virtual winger who was out of play for long periods of time.

Juventus Pioneer was hammered 5-1 by Sunshine George Cross in the first round of the 1986 National Cup and looks doomed to an even heavier defeat at Hellas's home ground.

Peter Brine, who conducted only a few pre-season training sessions, quit as coach because he was moving to Queensland, and has been replaced by David Smith, who joined from Metro-Clermont.

Ken Morton (ex-Wollongong and Heidelberg) led Juventus to the 1985 Tasmanian championship, but he since has quit to join Olympia.

John Broadhouse, the league's top scorer last season, has returned to England and there's still doubt about whether striker Bruce Ward will make a come-back.

On the credit side, Leon Darko has returned after a short retirement and will slot in at full back, and Lino Taglieri, ex-Rapid and University, also has been training with Juve.

Hellas awaits the arrival of Frank McGrellis, reigning top scorer in the South African national league. He played for Wits University, the club that produced Richard Miranda, but he's unlikely to be here in time to play against Juventus-Pioneer.

Before going to South Africa, McGrellis was with Coventry City, Huddersfield on loan, and Hereford, where he was a team-mate of Ian Dobson and Sean Lane, now with Preston-Makedonia.

Hellas's likely team: Laumets — Russell, Blair, Zanthopoulos, Potocoglou — Davidson, Miranda, McDowell, Murphy — Brown, Egan. — LAURIE SCHWAB

## RIVERO TO RULE THE ROOST

### Wollongong v. Canterbury

Melita Stadium, Sunday, 2pm

Canterbury Olympic still hasn't any news on the pending arrival of Greek stars Spiros Liavithinos and Yiannis Dondas or Panthinaikos and George Christofis of OFI while Canterbury's Brazilian stars Nelio Borges and Marcos Silva won't be lining up

against Wollongong.

Borges and Silva recently returned from holidays overseas and as we went to press Silva hadn't appeared on the training track. Borges has but he's far from fit so Canterbury coach Domagoj Kapetanovic won't use him on Sunday.

What a pity. What a delight it would have been to see the silky skills of Borges matched

with the wizardry of Wollongong's Saul Rivero, a Uruguayan international who has played with Penarol, one of the most famous clubs in South America.

It's through Rivero that Wollongong hopes to bring another Uruguayan star here this season but club officials won't release his name yet.

Wollongong, despite losing defender Scott Dickson for three months due to injury, will have the more formidable line-up and should win. Certainly, it has much more experience in midfield.

Rivero and former Sydney Hakoah star Willie Murray should call the shots here, capably backed up by former Swansea apprentice Brian Cokely and Roberto Giraldi from Fairy Meadow. Giraldi and Jack Morlando followed coach John Fleming to Wollongong.

Warwick Young and Sean Billington are vying for Wollongong's goalkeeper's spot with Young favored to get the nod from Fleming.

Canterbury must have the most inexperienced line-up in the National League. Its elder statesman is 28-year-old Paul Kirwan, ex-Blacktown and Sydney Croatia.

"We've got a very young team but every day we're playing better. Wollongong is very tough and very experienced but we can beat them. This is a very important game for us," said Canterbury coach Domagoj Kapetanovic. Kapetanovic's new signings have been goalkeeper Ian Barker from Manly for \$3,000, defender George Haniotis from Olympic, defender Rob Lucchesi from Avala and midfielder George Akoutas from Warrington Narraheen.

Likely teams: WOLLONGONG: Young — Green, Vlietstra, Morlando, Gaffney — Cokely, Murray, Rivero, Giraldi — Batten, Godzik.

CANTERBURY: Hummell — Lucchesi, Radman, Haniotis, Hantzis — Philipou, Akoutas, Anagnostopoulos, Kirwan — Petas, Kalogeras. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

# Bergers to win, thanks to Oliver, Marley, McKie

## H'berg-Alexander v Makedonia

Olympic Park, Saturday 7pm

Two of the fiercest rivals in Australian soccer are sure to turn on a momentous battle, with Makedonia anxious to regain its pride after being hammered 6-1 by Footscray JUST in a practice match and Heidelberg determined to make up for its loss to Croatia in the Buffalo Cup final.

Heidelberg transfer-listed Steve Tasios at \$25,000 last week and fined him \$200 for failing to attend training while still under contract. Tasios intended to appeal against the price.

St. Patterson, meanwhile, continues to look for a club. He is available at \$8500. And Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey is urging his committee to recruit at least two or three new players in order to give the club the all-round strength necessary to vie for a finals place, if not the championship.

Tasios wants to join Hellas and contends that Heidelberg has taken up its option on him when his contract expired. He therefore wants a free release.

Heidelberg president Peter Tsaklis says Tasios was handed



● Steve Tasios

a letter exercising the option on October 22 last year and that the club has a copy of the letter.

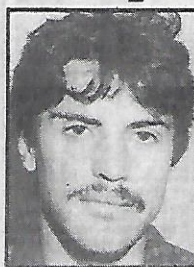
"Tasios wrote to the NSL on February 26, saying he wanted to be transfer-listed and that we had not taken up our option on him," Tsaklis said.

"He gave us a letter dated March 4, seeking permission to talk to other clubs."

"We discussed that letter at our meeting on March 11, but four days earlier, on March 7, the NSL had sent us a letter saying that a dispute committee meeting had been called for March 12."

"How can they call a tribunal when we hadn't even met to discuss the Tasios matter? No dispute existed at that time." Tasios, 19, a talented midfielder, joined Heidelberg from the Hellas youth team a few seasons ago.

It would appear that he would be better off staying at Heidelberg where he would be assured of a regular game in the first team.



● Mile Necovski

Heidelberg needs him. Hellas does not because it already has the following midfielders: Alan Davidson, Richard Miranda, Garry McDowell, Ken Murphy and Carl Halford. With Frank McGrellis due soon from South Africa, there will be further competition for places in the team and we haven't even touched on the reserves — John Kanesoullis and Manny Anazakis.

Makedonia, meanwhile, awaits the return of Zoran Ilioski from his overseas honeymoon but even without him, will field a very good team indeed.

It will be interesting to see how coach Bill Murray places his players when he has a full squad from which to choose. It probably will look something like this:

Trianedes — Roodhouse, Dobson, Opasins, Hays — Ilioski, Campbell, Necovski, Lane — Smith, Cole.

That's a while into the future, however, and it anticipated Ilioski regaining fitness and

Mile Necovski living up to the reputation he had with Vardar, Pelister and Ohrid in Yugoslavia.

That line-up also features Sean Lane — one of the best strikers in Australia — in a left-flank position, simply to make room for Steve Smith up front next to Gary Cole.

An alternative would be to have Lane alongside Smith and Cole in midfield.

George Petrov also has strong claims to a place in the team, but Mike McLennan, Nick van Egmond Jnr and Bill Niculovski probably will have to be content with sitting on the bench.

Meanwhile, however, Petrov is sure to be in the team against Heidelberg and Necovski's inclusion depends on his fitness.

Lane, Cole and goalkeeper Phil Trianedes represent the strength of Makedonia at this stage of the season, and they will have to be at their very best to overcome the determined Heidelberg line-up.

Jeff Oliver has left no doubts with his early-season form that he is easily the best goalkeeper in Australian soccer — indeed, one of the greatest Australia has produced.

With Ian McKie and Steve Marley among the country's best full backs, Makedonia faces an uphill battle in trying to break down the defence.

But Makedonia should have the edge in midfield, where Heidelberg has only one recognised midfielder player, Theo Seledis. His partners, Andy Higgins and Chris Kelsakidis, are better defenders than they are midfielders.

The Metaxas — Tzintzis — Tsolakis forward line has a lot of possibilities. All are fast, nippy and skilful and when their inter-passing comes off, they are capable of breaking down any defence.

"I'll go for Heidelberg simply because of its valiant Buffalo Cup fight."

Likely teams:

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER, Oliver — McKie, Hunter, Christopoulos, Marley — Seledis, Higgins, Kelsakidis — Metaxas, Tzintzis, Tsolakis.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Trianedes — Roodhouse, Dobson, Opasins, Hays — Campbell, Petrov, Necovski — Cole, Smith, Lane. — LAURIE SCHWAB

## The Nanda Cup draw

● First round Nanda Soccer Cup matches (West Adelaide, Hellas and Salisbury played last weekend with likely winners in capitals):

SATURDAY  
NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD v Belmont-Melbourne at Adamstown Oval, 7.30pm

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER v Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park No. 1, 7pm

Brunswick Juventus v Melbourne Croatia at Olympic Park No. 1, 5pm

SUNDAY  
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS

LAS v Juventus Pioneer at Middle Park, 1.30pm

Sunshine-George Cross v FOOTSCRAY JUST at Middle Park, 3.30pm

BRISBANE CITY v Brisbane Lions at Spencer Park, 3pm

WOOLONGONG CITY v Canterbury Olympic at Melita Stadium, 2pm

MELITA EAGLES v Ipswich United at Melita Stadium, 4pm

St George v MARCONI at St George Stadium, 2pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v APIA Leichardt at St George Stadium, 4pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v Sydney Hakoah at Croatian Sports Centre, 3pm

BLACKTOWN CITY v West Woden Juventus at Gabble Stadium, 3pm

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 26  
GREEN GULLY v Croydon at Olympic Park No. 1, 7.30pm

INTER MONARO v Canberra at Seiffert Oval, 7.30pm

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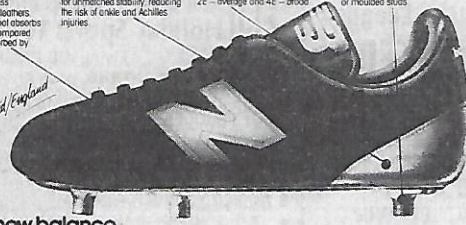
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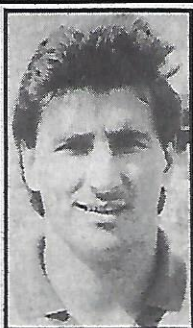
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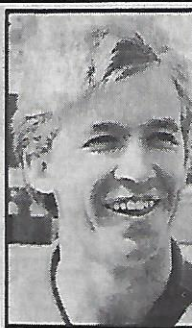


new balance





● Charlie Yankos



● Robbie Dunn

## Now it's striker Robbie Dunn!

**ADELAIDE HELLAS 3** (Konstandopoulos 77th and 83rd, Honeyman 66th) **SALISBURY UNITED 0.** Nanda Cup match at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 3687. Referee: Jim Rossis 7. Cautions: Williams (SU).

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul 8, Hiern 7, Yankos 8, Brown 8, Mousoulis 7, Scott 8, Manou 6, Papadopoulos 79th, Honeyman 7, McLaughlin 8, Price 6 (Dunn 46th) 8, Konstandopoulos 8. Coach: Neil McGachey

**Robbie Dunn exploded back on to the SA soccer scene last Sunday**

to inspire Adelaide Hellas to a 3-0 Nanda Cup win over Salisbury United.

Dunn, who was released by Preston Makedonia for \$21,000 at the weekend, was kept on the substitutes' bench until the start of the second half.

When big Dunn was sent on by Hellas coach Neil McCachey to replace out-of-touch striker Gary Price, Hellas and SA Rothmans League champion Salisbury United were locked in a scoreless deadlock.

At that stage the Berries had kept Hellas at bay with tight defence and had even threatened to take charge through several cheeky breakaways.



● Robbie Dunn (right) shows his heading prowess against Salisbury United. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

But Dunn, back in the side which had given him his first taste of NSL football, created havoc in the Salisbury defence with surging runs into the box and towering headers.

Dunn gained a penalty for Hellas in the 65th minute after he had been shoved in the back by a Salisbury defender. Graham Honeyman had his spot-kick saved by Berries goalkeeper Brian Gale, but the Hellas captain hammered home the rebound.

The advent of Dunn to the Hellas front line was just the medicine needed and suddenly George Konstandopoulos was able to capitalise on his new-found freedom as the Salisbury defenders be-

came pre-occupied by the big Socceroo.

Despite the final scoreline, Salisbury can walk proud. It forced several fine saves from Hellas goalkeeper Gary Spoul and kept Socceroo defender Charlie Yankos and his central defensive partner Tim Brown on their metal.

The Hellas failure to crack through in the first 45 minutes was a frustrating continuation of its Beograd hangover. Classy Scottish import Brian McLaughlin, Yankos and Honeyman did their best to maintain composure throughout several periods of Berries' inspired panic. But, nothing succeeds like success and the win will boost Hellas on the eve of this crucial NSL season.

— ALLAN CRISP

## Bye, bye Millman, so long Ipswich

### Melita Eagles v Ipswich United

Melita Stadium, 4pm, Sunday

Ipswich will be weakened by the departure of Ron Millman, and appears to have little hope of upsetting the solid and experienced Melita outfit which finished fourth in the NSW Ampol Cup.

Melita's strength is a defence that boasts Richie Williams (ex-Marconi), Kenny Wilson (ex-Olympic), Col McAusland (ex-APFA) and Howard Tredinick, the former Newcastle and Socceroo defender, who is back after breaking a leg last season.

Without Millman, Ipswich is unlikely to get past those defenders.

Millman, the 1984 Queensland Rothmans Medalist has left 1985 champion to join Ipswich Intermediate League club Redlands.

The 35-year-old school teacher was the target of his local club for many years. But the drudgery of travelling for more than an hour to Ipswich up to three times a week finally took its toll, and Millman agreed to make the switch.

"It was a lot of travelling and my wife is expecting a baby, so I felt it was better to be closer to home. There are no disagreements with Ipswich, they have looked after me well," Millman said.

Millman, who has been the State's most prolific scorer for more than a decade, has agreed to a two-year contract with Redlands which was relegated out of the Intermediate League last year but reinstated when Amateur Division club Salisbury failed to meet the semi-professional league criteria.

The move to the Showground is not a new one for Millman. He played for two seasons with Redlands in 1974 and '75 after switching from Meriton Easts. Millman left Redlands to play State League with Southside Eagles. He later followed his coach Matt Carson to Lions and then Ipswich United.

Despite his move from one end of the semi-professional leagues to the other, Millman is confident he won't be forgotten. He wants to retain his



● Melita Eagles newcomer Peter Stone, in action for Australia against Kuwait in 1977.

State jersey and believes he can do enough in the lower league to force Queensland coach Bruce Stowell to select him for the interstate match squad and the tour of Papua and New Guinea.

"I want to score enough goals that he can't overlook me," Stone said.

"I intend playing in the Premier League again and by that I mean with Redlands when we win promotion this year."

It's a confident prediction, but as Millman's past has proved — he's a player who always reaches his goals.

Melita, meanwhile, is equally as confident of winning the championship in the NSW State League.

Peter Stone, the former Socceroo, has joined from St George Budapest and is partnering Maltese international Ray Farrugia and Birol Serbas in midfield.

John Foxman has joined from Sydney Hakoah and is staking a claim to a position in attack, where he has strong competition, however, from Wayne Farnsworth, the No.1 striker, Lenny Vial and Jemal Meerban.

Melita looks a well-balanced team with a strong defence so it should beat Ipswich, although Mark Atmore (ex-Brisbane Lions), Ian Lawrie and captain Wayne Warren will put up spirited resistance.

— RICKY ROSSO.

## Black day for West Woden?

### Blacktown v. WW-Juventus

Gabbie Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm.

It'll be a black day indeed at the Gabbie if big-spending Blacktown is humbled by West Woden Juventus from the ACT.

But Blacktown supporters need have no fears. The completely revamped Blacktown strike force will see to that. Robbie Slater, signed last St George for \$15,000, Joe Carroll from Footscray JUST, Peter Denyer from English club Northampton Town and Tony Brennan from Inter-Monaro, should create enough chances to sink West Woden Juventus.

Blacktown should be far too

classy here and, provided its attitude is right, it could swamp the visitors from the ACT.

On the few occasions that West Woden Juventus gets forward it will find another Blacktown newcomer, Donald Macleod from Footscray JUST, a tough nut to crack. Blacktown's other new signings, Peter Willis from Wollongong (for \$6,000) and Geoff Ainsworth from Penrith (for \$4,000) will partner Macleod in defence with the ever reliable Barry Hoare in goal.

The likely Blacktown line-up is: Hoare — Willis, Macleod, Ainsworth, Bourke — Denyer, Byrne, Knight — Slater, Carroll, Brennan.

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● The Australian youth team party which went to the USSR last year. Back row: Mirko Runje, John Gregson, Aki Kotzichalis, Andrew Koczka, Mark Jones, John Panagis, Angie Postecoglou. Middle row: Dr Kannannagara, Henry Wajswelner (physio), Alex Bundalo, Sean Ingham, Paul Jones, Warren Spink, Richard Bassingthwaite, Jim Shoulder (coach), Brian Emery (ASF executive director). Front row: Mike McLennan, Peter Petkovski, David Sharpe, Robert Hooker, Chris Kalantzis, Lou Hristodoulou.

# Jones: Kalantzis, Spink missed too many chances

By MIKE RENWICK

**Australian youth team goalkeeper Paul Jones has had six months to ponder the fortunes of football since the World Youth Cup in the Soviet Union last year.**

A short spell in England with Tottenham and Luton and the passage of time has not lessened his memories of the tournament.

While not bitter, he expressed "great disappointment" at the way some of the youth Socceros had approached the tournament.

"I feel disappointed with the way we performed up front," said the 19-year-old, now with Marconi after a transfer from the AIS.

"At the back we seemed to

work as a team, but up front there was too much working for themselves.

"I often feel that some of the things players like Chris Kalantzis and Warren Spink did then were totally unreal — and then some of the other things they did were just plain dumb.

"Some of the chances Chris missed in Minsk were a joke. "He'd score 100 times out of a 100 if he had the same chances for Olympic against a club team.

"Why he and Warren fluffed so many chances in Minsk is beyond me. I know there was a lot of pressure on them but there was pressure on the rest of us too."

Jones said that if he "could lose 15 minutes of my life, it'd be that horrid spell during the Nigeria game."

With Australia leading 2-0

and looking set for a quarter-final spot in Baku the Aussies went to pieces and the Nigerians whipped in three goals for a 3-2 victory.

"It wasn't something you could put your fingers on. "We just weren't a team. I could sense that things were going wrong, but you gave all you could in the hope that we could work it out."

Jones was surprised and annoyed by reports in the Australian press which blamed him for the second Nigerian goal.

"I had to make a reaction save from a header that was going down to the line," he recalled.

"I surprised myself when I actually reached the header, but I couldn't get to the loose ball and another striker whipped it in."

Looking back on it all Jones relished the experience, despite the outcome.

"A World Cup is a World Cup, whatever the age group. "I wish we could have gone further, but I'll cherish those three games."

Jones' ambition now lies back in domestic football. While he has a natural desire to play more representative soccer, at present he just wants to establish himself at Marconi.

"I'm doing plenty of bench warming right now and it's really what I expected I would be doing."

"I'm not even thinking of things like the Olympic team or the Socceros. That's a long way off yet."

He decided on a move from the AIS because he wanted to get into the National League.

"Not only that, I also wanted to get into a solid club with a good record, so that I'd still be there in the revamped league next year."

"I figured that it would be wiser to be with a National League club and warming the bench than to be with a non-NSL club and playing first grade."

"You have to be there when the chance arises, be right there on the scene to get a go. If you're at another club, they don't think of you until the end-of-year transfer scene."

Jones knows that displacing Marconi's regular keeper Bruce James will be a tough task, but it's a challenge he has accepted.

"If the chance does arise, then I'm ideally placed. Les (Scheinflug) is renowned for helping young players and I'd have no worries there."

Jones' move from the AIS to Sydney was not as traumatic as the move from his home in Perth to the Canberra-based Institute.

"Coming up to Sydney was relatively easy. "At the AIS I got used to living away from home."

"And I realised that if I wanted to continue playing football at the highest level, then I'd have to be based in the eastern states. "There's no question about it. After the USSR there was just no looking back."

# ENEMIES IN CUP, THEN PARTNERS



● Frank Arok St G. Budapest vs Marconi



● Les Scheinflug

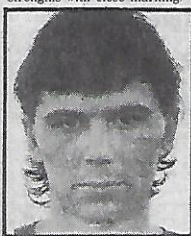
Frank Arok and Les Scheinflug, soon to be Socceroo partners, will lock horns on Sunday, with Arok declaring himself the underdog.

In his opinion, Marconi is Sydney's form team so far, even though it failed to reach the Ampol Cup final. "All the Marconi players have been in exceptional form," Arok said. "They outplayed everybody, but they were knocked out because of bad luck, that's all."

Arok has recommended Scheinflug as coach of the national youth team. He would replace Jim Shoulder, and would work in close consultation with Arok who is the senior Socceroo boss.

Appointments are expected to be announced soon. Ironically, it was Scheinflug who was sacked as senior national coach to make way for Arok in late 1983.

Tactics will be more important to Arok on Sunday than to Scheinflug, who is entitled to rely on the superior ability of his team, while St George appears capable of winning only if it nullifies Marconi's strengths with close marking.



● Zoran Belusic

St George's preparations have been hampered by a variety of factors — injuries to David Ratcliffe, Mike O'Shea and Mike Boagard; the slow acclimatisation of Yugoslav imports Miklos Orszagh and Zoran Belusic; the introduction only this week of Scottish striker Stewart Porter; the unexpected loss of Robbie Slater to Blacktown; the late start of Vic Bozanic and the ordinary form of John McKie who was signed from Blacktown.

St George's best players pre-season have been the younger ones — Peter Petkovski, Mike Grebyski and Andrew Koczka — but whether they can hold their places under pressure from more senior players remains to be seen.

Whether Arok can field his strongest team depends on whether key players recover from injuries.

But the strongest line-up would appear to be Greedy — Ratcliffe — Skeen, Boagard, M. O'Shea, R. O'Shea — Petkovski, Orszagh, J. O'Shea — Porter, Belusic.

It remains to be seen, though, how six-foot Porter fits into the team. The 25-year-old from East Fife appears to be very similar to Zoran Belusic, who also is good in the air.

Marconi is much more settled by comparison. Now that Mark Jankovics has signed a new contract he simply rejoins David Lowe and Rod Brown up front, enabling Tony Henderson — who had been used as a makeshift striker — to return to defence.

Henderson will play as stopper, with Robert Wheatley sweeping behind Henderson. Paul Carter and Joe Rizzotto are sure to provide devastating surges along either flank. Craig Magon is the ideal "corrector" in midfield and Peter Treddinick has been in excellent form early in the season.

Marconi's likely line-up: James — Carter, Wheatley, Henderson, Rizzotto — Gray, Mason, Treddinick — Lowe, Henderson, Brown.

Laurie Schwab

# George Yardley recalls his clash with young Arok

By MIKE RENWICK

**It would probably amuse Frank Arok to learn that George Yardley finally ended his playing days as a winger — but in Rugby Union!**

Back in 1969, Yardley had a falling out with Arok over the St George coach's plans to convert the lethal striker to a winger.

It led to a souring of relations between the likeable Scot and the Saints, a souring which he is said to say has never really been resolved.

After a successful stint from 1964 to 1966, Yardley returned in 1969 for six months.

It was a disappointing spell, and although he made another sojourn from 1971 to 1973 with Sydney Hakoah, his relationship with St George remained strained, to say the least.

Now, some 12 years after returning to Britain, Yardley hopes he can rekindle his friendships with St George's elder statesmen.

Living in Chester in the west Midlands of England, Yardley rarely kicks a soccer ball nowadays, and limits himself to the occasional squash game.

A self-employed businessman in the building trade, he said that at the age of 45 he had to weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of playing contact sport (which he still loves) and risking injury (to which he has a great propensity).

Yardley's association with Australia started because of just that problem. Back in the early sixties he was a regular with East Fife in Scotland, enjoying his football.

A knee injury and a cartilage operation changed all that in 1961-62.

"I just couldn't shrug it off," Yardley remembered. "In the heavy conditions of Scotland it was impossible to fully re-strengthen my knee."

That was when a new avenue suddenly appeared. Through former Hakoah man Allan Marnech, Yardley began to think about Australia as a possibility.

"My doctor said the hard-grounds in Australia would be perfect to build up the strength in my knee, and as Alan had said he was having a ball in Sydney, I thought I'd give it a try."

Yardley was approached by St George's Les Bordaes, who wrote to him and negotiated terms.

Yardley arrived in Australia for the 1964 season and was a smash hit. His undoubted skills, combined with a goal hungry attitude, earned him a bag of goals.

"My confidence grew and my leg got better and as a result by 1966 I was ready for a return home," he said. He went back to a trial with Luton, but opted instead for fourth division Tranmere Rovers.

He joined them in November 1966 — half way through

the season — and yet still emerged as the club's top scorer when they won promotion that year.

During the 1967-68 season Tranmere had their best ever run in the FA Cup, reaching the last 16.

Yardley's career was building to a climax — then it was cruelly dashed.

In the fourth round, Tranmere and Yardley knocked out first division Coventry City.

"I drew in the first match 1-1 at Coventry, then won the replay 2-0 at Tranmere," Yardley said.

"In both games we played above ourselves, and I was running hot."

"I'd had approaches from Preston, Everton and Stoke and the scouts were watching me with interest."

That was when Yardley's future as a professional soccer player in England collapsed.

A week before the fifth round FA Cup match against Everton, in mid-March, Yardley suffered a terrible injury in a league match.

Kicked in the kidneys, he spent five weeks on his back in hospital and was close to death.

"All I could think about was how my chance was gone," he said.

He was back in action in 1968, but was disgusted by the change in football.

"That was the start of the decline in skillful football," Yardley said.

"Workers and destroyers were the key men. Skill was nothing and the referees went along with the trend."

Yardley said he became disillusioned with the game in Britain and early in 1969 contacted St George for another spell.

He arrived during Frank Arok's reign at the Saints, and it became rapidly obvious that there was clash of personalities.

"Frank was a little young then, and had such set ideas about how things should be done, and what he wanted players to do," Yardley said.

"I'd been through a lot and I knew my limitations. I wasn't a youngster and when he wanted to use me as a winger, well, it just didn't work out."

Whether he'd concede the point now is something I've often thought about."

Yardley said the end of his relationship with St George was messy.

"What a place. The talk was football, the coffee was strong and the cakes were delicious."

"We used to sit there and talk about the game, about the greats, about the future. "Great times, great people... men like Les Bordaes, Andrew Dettre, old Mr Nagy."

He went back to England, started knocking in the goals again for Tranmere but knew deep in his heart that his playing days were drawing to a close.

"I gave it a shot during 1970 but it wasn't there any more," he said.

"Finally enough I then decided that I didn't want to finish my career playing in 'England... I really had the bug for Australia and I got lured back out."

This time he teamed up with the man who was responsible initially for him going to Australia in the first place — Alan Marnech.

"I enjoyed myself at Hakoah, under Charlie Fleming, and then Dave McLaren," he said.

"There were some fine players in Australia — I'll always remember Alti Abonyi — what skill he had."

"The game wasn't as fast as in Britain, or as tough, but there was probably a little more skill, because there was the time."

He said that in some ways he regrets returning to England after that 1971-73 spell.

"I bought a plot of land outside Sydney and was seriously thinking of settling down there," he said.

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# Todoric: He's got the ball on a string!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

**MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Bonacic 14th, Biskic 32nd, Ljubic 70th) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Odzakov 2nd). Ansett Challenge Shield match at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday. Crowd: 8,432. Cautions: Odzakovic (SC). Referee: Stuart Mellings 6.**

**MELBOURNE CROATIA:** Runje 5 (Govic H.T. 7) — Doankovic 8, McIntosh 9, Curcio 8, Hannah 8 — Biskic 8, Campbell 8, Bonacic 8 (Ljubic 65th), Gojevic 8 (Tajalic 73rd) — Ward 8, Todoric 8. **Coach:** Miran Bleiberg. **SYDNEY CROATIA:** Watson 5 — Rezo 6 (inj, Caleta 64th), M. Kovacic 7, Rozić 5, Jennings 6 — Clinch 6, Odzakovic 7, Savor 5, Dragicevic 6 — Arnold 5, Jurin 6. **Coach:** Vedran Rozić.

Melbourne Croatia left no doubts about it being Australia's team of the moment and collected \$25,000 as it easily defeated Sydney Croatia 3-1 to win the inaugural Ansett Challenge Shield.

Melbourne Croatia received \$3,000 in prize-money from Ansett and a \$500 trophy. More importantly, from a financial viewpoint, the club received 70 percent of gate-takings. I understand that about \$32,000 was collected at the game so Melbourne Croatia's cut was about \$22,400. Not bad for 90 minutes work.

Sydney Croatia was reduced to a near rabble during the last 20 minutes as it stuttered and stumbled forward only to finally collapse when it struck the defensive wall of Melbourne Croatia.

Yet Sydney Croatia had



● This is easy! Ante Ljubic has just scored goal No. 3 and is congratulated by Davor Todoric.

## Bozinovski stars against Hellas

Footscray JUST and South Melbourne Hellas drew 0-0 in a practice match at Schintler Reserve on Saturday. JUST dominated the first half and was unlucky not to take the lead.

Hellas recovered in the second half and matched JUST. Vlado Bozinovski, playing against his former club, was the star player for JUST, while sweeper Arthur Xanthopoulos did best for Hellas.

Alan Davidson started in a full back position for Hellas, and pushed into midfield for the second half. Bill Lazopoulos played in JUST's attack, in place of Paul Simic who was not at the ground.



● Clash of the giants — Luka Bonacic (left) and Zarko Odzakovic. Pictures by LES SHORROCK

but I doubt that Sydney Croatia will demand a reply.

Not after the way it was beaten.

Melbourne Croatia should have been five or six goals up at half time. That takes into account the goal that Zeljko Jurin should have scored.

Davor Todoric was a revelation. He had the ball on a string and made opponents look like novices.

In the 8th minute, Todoric touched the ball off to Ward whose low drive was just wide of the far post. That was the start of a 30 minute siege of the Sydney Croatia goal.

Josip Biskic, who made Graham Jennings wonder if the trip down from Sydney was worthwhile, took a free kick in the 13th minute. Steve Watson, who was dreadful in the air, dropped the ball at the far post. It fell for Jim Campbell whose shot was deflected by a defender for a corner. Imagine Campbell's disbelief when referee Stuart Mellings awarded a goalkick.

A minute later it was 1-1. Ward tapped the ball forward to Todoric, who sent Steve Gojevic down the left. Gojevic's low cross to the near post was sidefooted in by Luka Bonacic. It was a simply-executed move, yet superb to watch.

In the 17th minute, Ward again put Todoric in possession on the left. Todoric chipped the ball into the goalmouth but Campbell headed wide from four metres.

A minute later, Ward broke through. Sydney Croatia defenders had given up the hunt and Ward could have charged closer to goal and drew out Watson. Instead, Ward shot from 12 metres into the side netting, not the sort of finishing we've come to expect from him.

Another minute passed and another chance fell to Melbourne Croatia. Ward lobbed the ball into the goalmouth. Watson came off his line and challenged Todoric in the air. Todoric won the challenge and the ball fell to Ward who blasted his first-time volley well over.

Finally the breakthrough came.

In the 32nd minute, Todoric sent a tremendous chip to Biskic on the right. Biskic had stolen a metre on Jennings and that was all that was needed. Watson never was going to get to the ball first, yet he charged out of goal, so Biskic neatly lobbed the ball over Watson's head and it was 2-1.

Dave McIntosh and Graham Arnold had been hustling and busting each other and in the 34th minute McIntosh sent Arnold sprawling in full view of referee Mellings who waved play on. Within seconds, Odzakovic was remonstrating with Mellings about that incident.

In the 36th minute, Sydney Croatia finally created a chance. Drago Rezo crossed from the right and Emil Dragicevic toe-poked the ball first time but Runje flung himself to his left and held it safely.

Jurin should have equalised in the 39th minute. A badly timed header by Tony Curcio sent Jurin through. Jurin's shot beat Runje but struck the underside of the bar. Runje



● Melbourne Croatia sweeper Tony Curcio dispossesses Zeljko Jurin with a sliding challenge

## All-Nations Cup stars

Tony Kennedy, organiser of the annual All-Nations Cup series, will jet off to Britain, Turkey, Italy and Greece in July to lure guest stars for this year's series, to be played at Green Gully Reserve.

Kennedy also will attend the Aberdeen Soccer Festival and the Blackpool International Soccer Festival. He wants to hear from under 15, under 17 and under 19 teams that would like to take part in those festivals next year.

Kennedy said SBS-TV had agreed in principle to run a one-hour show this year's All-Nations Cup, providing top-line guest players are involved.

He said Footscray JUST and Green Gully had agreed to release their players for the All-Nations Cup series, and he is confident that at least four other Victorian NSL clubs will do likewise.

He said he and Luis Solis, organiser of the NSW All-Nations Cup competition, were trying to organise an interstate lay-off this year.

## Pacemakers at Croydon

Gerry and the Pacemakers will appear at Croydon City's clubrooms on the evening of April 26.

Promoter Tony Kennedy said he hoped to produce a video of Gerry Marsden singing "You'll Never Walk Alone" with Croydon fans joining in.

He said he would try to persuade Marsden to return at the end of the year as a special attraction during the All-Nations Cup.

## Man of the match: DAVOR TODORIC (M. Croatia)

was alert enough to dive down and push the ball out as it bounced on the goal line.

Runje came off at half time and Govic came on.

Three minutes into the second half, Todoric touched the ball on to Ward who cut inside Vedran Rozić and curled a superb shot past Watson only to be denied by the post.

In the 57th minute, Ward cut the ball back from the left to the incoming Biskic whose first time shot was just wide of the far post.

Odzakov and Dragicevic exchanged passes on the edge of the Melbourne Croatia area in the 61st minute but Odzakovic's shot was wild and well wide.

In the 64th minute, Rezo was carried off. Not on a stretcher for there wasn't one available on the touchline. We've all come to accept such inefficiency and lack of commonsense in this area at Olympic Park. I've long ago grown weary of writing about the need for a stretcher close to the pitch but all my pleas and those of my colleagues keep falling on deaf ears. Maybe a player has to die before something is done.

Immediately after Rezo's exit, Bonacic was replaced by Ljubic, who took just five minutes to put Sydney Croatia out of its misery.

Biskic played the ball to Ljubic who neatly dummed a defender then smashed a low shot past Watson from 10 metres.

In the 76th minute Jurin played the ball to Dragicevic on the right of the Melbourne Croatia area, but Curcio read the situation well, charging across and blocking Dragicevic's shot. That was the last time the Melbourne Croatia goal was threatened.

Biskic, Campbell and Co. cruised for the rest of the game. They found time to tease their beaten opponents by standing on the ball or nonchalantly walking with it which was a fair measure of Melbourne Croatia's control.

## Brennan a Demon, Marconi runs hot

● Tony Brennan

By ALEX VESIC

An eight-team series, played at Marconi and St. George grounds in Sydney, began as a financial flop, as crowds stayed away.

Following a successful Ampol Cup competition, with crowds in their thousands flocking to St. George Stadium to see Croatia win the Cup and Sydney Olympic collect third prize money, the new series might as well have been played on an outside pitch and without the referees.

Olympic did not wish to be involved and Croatia withdrew following its Ampol Cup success. It left eight teams with very little crowd pulling capacity to do battle for prizemoney which was to be divided from profits obtained through gate takings.

Tony Brennan the unpredictable striker from Queanbeyan, joined Blacktown before the game against Uruguay in a move which saw Marconi red-faced.

Marconi was negotiating with Brennan at the time when Blacktown stepped in with a better offer and that was the end of the bartering session, with Brennan transferring from Inter Monaro for \$6000.

Saints paraded Stewart Porter from East Face against Canterbury. The man who scored nine goals in 23 matches for East Face during the current season in Scotland looked sharp and gave notice in the opening minutes that he will be an asset to his new club.

Canterbury matched St. George stride for stride and could have walked away with victory.

But St. George stormed into the final of this pre-season tournament with a decisive 4-1 victory over Hakoah.

"Organised slaughter" or "Legalised murder" described Marconi's 8-0 win against Avala.

Les Scheinflug was at St. George Stadium watching St. George perform as his team was dissecting Avala some 25kms away.

Marconi was 2-0 up after only nine minutes with Craig Mason and David Lowe the scorers. Rod Brown added another before half time, then came a blistering 45 minutes of football by Marconi.

Results:

Hakoah 4 (Lee 2, Kosmina, Barnes) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Brown pen) at St. George Stadium. Referee: Chris Smith. Crowd: 400.

HAKOAH: McPherson (Hughes) — Hooker, Gomez, Schneider (Lee) Spinos — Patterson (Saad), Souness, Falconer — Barnes — Kosmina (Bot talic), Fletcher.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN Dart — G Wilson, Ploski, Mikas (Deegney), McDonald — D Wilson, Groomie (Yousseph), Jarlington — Beggs, Brown, Jones.

BLACKTOWN CITY 2 (Denyer 2) AVALA 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1000. Referee: Richard Lorenz.

Curtis — Vais (Bourke), Husted (Sharp), Ainsworth, Northam — Byrne, Knight, Denyer, Bradley, Carroll (Sharpe), Thorneville.

AVALA Thurlow — Jordan, Pena, Atlagic (Stamenkovic), Vrankovic — Goomie, Marjanovic (Radic), Anderson (Medic), Kotor, Jeffery, Bratkovic.

ST GEORGE 0 CANTERBURY 0 at St. George Stadium. Referee: R. Doenau. Crowd: 400.

ST GEORGE: Greys — Scahill, M O Shea, Ratcliffe, Kozka — Ricoy, J O Shea, Orszag (Petkovski) — Caban (Cotton), Porter, Beluzic (McKinn), Canterbury: Barker — Lucchessi, Hantiss, Radman, McKinn, Fournas, Anagnostopoulos, Kalogeras — Petas, Philpotts, Kirwan.

MARCONI 4 (Brown, Jankovics, Lowe, Licata) URUGUAY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1000.

MARCONI: James — Carter, Henderson, Wheatley, Rizzotto — Mason, Gray, Trednick — Lowe, Brown, Jankovics — URUGUAY: Rosano — Jones, Hastie, O'Donnell — Cuba, Pagano, Genc — Arabelo, O'Shane, Morson.

HAKOAH 6 (Farina 2, Gomez 2, Kay, De Marigny) CANTERBURY 1 (Petas) at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 450. Referee: T. Seacy.

HAKOAH: McPherson — Rodriguez, Robertson, O'Connor, De Marigny — Kay, Watson, Souness — Gomez, Farina, Lee (Saad).

CANTERBURY: Barker — Lucchessi, McKinn, Radman, Hantiss, Akoutas, Philippou (Sevan), Anagnostopoulos — Petas (Vardakakis), Kalogeras, Kirwan.

ST GEORGE 1 (Petkovski) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 0 at St. George Stadium. Crowd: 450. Referee: A. Owens.

ST GEORGE: Gibson — Bozanic, Moffitt — M O Shea, Ratcliffe, Petkovski, Skeen, J O Shea — Cotton (Beluzic), Porter (Caban), Grbeviski, ILINDEN: Dart — Nikolovski, Ploski, Deegney, McDonald, Darling, Groomie (Triantafyllou), D Wilson — Beggs, Brown, T. Jones (Blackburn).

MARCONI 8 (Jankovics 2, Brown 2, Mason, Gray, Lowe, Licata) AVALA 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 500. Referee: G. Power.

MARCONI: James (Jones) — Carter (Driene), Calderin, Henderson, Sterry — Mason, Gray, Lowe (Jankovics) — Brown, Licata, Trednick, AVALA: Curcio — Jordan, Pena, Atlagic (Strielja), Stamenkovic, Cootes, Nedic, Anderson (Milovanovic) — Jeffery (Radenkovic), Kotor, Radic.

BLACKTOWN 6 (Bradley 2, Willis, Slater, Carroll and Thorneville) URUGUAY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 500. Referee: McConnell.

BLACKTOWN: Heare — Willis, Ainsworth, Knight (Brennan), Northam (Bourke) — Byrne, Bradley, Denyer, Slater, Carroll, Thorneville (Sharpe), 60th.

URUGUAY Smith — Jones (Morson), Hastie, Pinz, O'Donnell — Cuba, Martinez, Pagano — O'Shane, Genc, Douglis (Arabelo).

CANTERBURY 2 (Petas 2nd, Anagnostopoulos 82nd) ROCKDALE ILINDEN 1 (Hantiss 67th) at St. George Stadium.

CANTERBURY: Barker — Lucchessi (G. Angelis 71st), Radman, Ainsworth, Kirwan — Akoutas, Sevan, Anagnostopoulos — Petas, Kalogeras, Kalogeras.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN Dart — G Wilson, Mikas, Deegney, Ploski — D Wilson, Yousseph, Jarlington (McKinn 15th) — Beggs (Nikolovski), Brown, Jones.

ST GEORGE 4 (Porter 23rd, Beluzic 76th, Skeen 82nd, Caban 86th) HAKOAH 1 (Saad 61st) at St. George Stadium. Referee: Many Loupas.

ST GEORGE: Gibson — Skeen, Ricoy, Ratcliffe, Grbeviski — M O Shea, J O Shea, Moffitt, Petkovski (Caban 66th), Porter (Cotton 77th), McKinn (Beluzic 69th).

HAKOAH: McPherson — Souness, Sociattallo, Hooker, Spinos — Patterson (Kay 55th), Watson, Falconer — Barnes (Gomez 46th), Fletcher — Saad (Lee 65th).

AUSTRALIAN URUGUAY 5 (O'Shane 31st, 78th, Pagano 41st, Genc 67th, Arabelo 73rd) AVALA 1 (Bratkovic 48th) at Marconi Stadium.

AUSTRALIAN URUGUAY: Rosano, Pinz, Hastie, Jones, O'Donnell — Cuba (sent off 23th), O'Shane, Pagano — Fernandez (54th Morson), Genc, Arabelo (83rd Douglis).

AVALA: Curcio — Jordan, Stamenkovic, Anderson, Strielja (68th McPherson) — Cootes, Marjanovic, Radic (Bencroft 68th) — Jeffery, Kotor (62nd Nedic), Bratkovic.

MARCONI 1 (Gray 38th) BLACKTOWN CITY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Referee: P. Speers.

MARCONI: James — Carter, Henderson, Wheatley, Rizzotto — Ma

Yon, Gray, Lowe, Trednick, Jankovics, Porter, Bradley, Carroll, Thorneville.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curtis — Willis, Ainsworth, Knight, Bourke, Byrne, Bradley, Denyer, Brennan (Sharpe 71st), Carroll, Thorneville.

This week:

Wednesday night:

For first place: Marconi — St. George

Third place: Hakoah-Blacktown City

Fifth place: Canterbury-Uruguay

Seventh place: Avala-Rockdale Ilinden

### GROUP A

	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	2	1	0	5	1	5
Hakoah	2	0	1	1	6	4
Canterbury	1	1	1	3	7	3
Ilinden	0	0	3	2	7	0

### GROUP B

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	3	0	0	13	0	6
Blacktown	2	0	1	8	1	4
Uruguay	1	0	2	5	1	2
Avala	0	0	3	1	15	0

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● Many of the 1985 team have been on the move. Here's an update. Above, from left, standing: ZARKO ODZAKOV: Still at Sydney Croatia. OSCAR CRINO: From SM-Hellas to Anorthosis of Cyprus for \$35,000. DAVID RATCLIFFE: Still at St. George. TERRY GREEDY: Still at St. George but has quit the Socceroos. STEVE O'CONNOR: Still at SC-Hakoah but has quit the Socceroos. JOHN KOSMINA: Still at SC-Hakoah. FRONT: KEN MURPHY:

Still at SM-Hellas. MARSHALL SOPER: Still at Sydney Olympic. JOE WATSON: Still at SC-Hakoah but has quit the Socceroos. GRAHAM JENNINGS: From Sydney Olympic to Sydney Croatia for \$25,000. CHARLIE YANKOS: From H'berg-Alexander to WA-Hellas for \$30,000. Pictured left: ALLAN DAVIDSON: From Nottingham Forest to SM-Hellas for \$12,000. DAVID MITCHELL: From SC-Hakoah to Eintracht Frankfurt, subject to medical clearance.

JIM PATIKAS: From Sydney Croatia to AEK Athens for \$30,000. TOMMY MCCULLOCH: Seeking clearance from APIA to Hibernian. ROD BROWN: Still at Marconi. JEFF OLVER: Still at Heidelberg. ROBBIE DUNN: From Preston Makedonia to WA-Hellas, price about \$21,000. IAN GRAY: Still at Marconi. FRANK FARINA: Still at SC-Hakoah. GRAEME ARNOLD: Still at Syd Croatia.

# 'Roos rate 8th on '85 results



LES MURRAY

IS Australia the eighth best soccer nation on earth? Well, eh, not quite. But with a touch of self-flattery you could take heart from the list of comparable, country-by-country performances through 1985. Measured purely on results gained against matches played, the Aussies rated a percentage of 72.22, the eighth highest in the world. The Soviet Union was best with 82.14 per cent on a survey which really says nothing except whether a team has or has not done its particular job on a year's international programme. The Soviets may indeed deserve top ranking for they played matches against the likes of Denmark, the Republic of Ireland, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Romania and Austria, losing just once. But going down the list, the survey loses credibility. Senegal is hardly second best and hurting far more is New Zealand's equal eighth position merely because it walloped Fiji three times. Even the Soviets benefit, for built into their 82 per cent are victories over China, Iran and Morocco.

Clearly, it is not wins you achieve but whom you beat by how much that counts. And merits on that scale cannot be measured except by super space-age computer or at the World Cup itself. But it does give rise to a fascinating thought: Where, in real terms, would Australia rate on the world scale? I mean, we know we're a Third World nation and all that and that we're perhaps generations away from matching the mighty of Europe or South America. But we must rank somewhere. Let's, for a start, take away the nations obviously above us, like the European and South American nations which qualified for the World Cup on merit (of which there are 18): the Soviet Union, Denmark, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, Scotland, England, Northern Ireland, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay. There is of course Mexico whose results in recent times suggest that, certainly on its own soil, it is better than we are. Of the others who will be in Mexico, all of them from the Third World, one can have doubts. Let's be courteous to Algeria which has that fine 1982 performance behind it and suggests it would beat us (although in 1985 it was twice beaten by South Korea). Not so for Canada, Morocco, Iraq or South Korea. Nothing from what we know of Canada and its 1985 record suggests we couldn't beat them and beat them well. They were, would you believe, beaten 6-1 by Iraq midway through the year. The Iraqis and the Moroccans played and beat only Third World nations through the year and if we reflect on our results against Israel (same climate, same style, same basic attributes) it's fair to suggest we would have beaten them, too. South Korea has never beaten us and neither would it now, given the strength of our 1985 team. So far, that would make us 21st. Of course there are many countries ranked which did not qualify for the World Cup, but rank higher than we do. In Europe you can list Yugoslavia, East Germany, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Wales. I have my doubts about Switzerland, Austria,

## THE WORLD "TOP TEN"

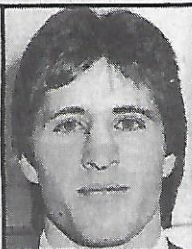
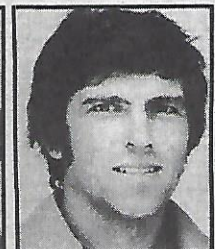
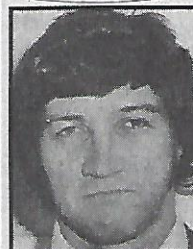
1. USSR 82.14%
2. Senegal 79.16%
3. Mexico 76.31%
4. Hong Kong 75.00%
5. Holland 75.00%
6. Sweden 75.00%
7. Zimbabwe 73.07%
8. Australia 72.22%
9. New Zealand 72.22%
10. Spain 72.22%

Sweden and the Republic of Ireland. I think it would be tough and go against those, given our performance against Scotland. But let's not be over-belligerent. With those above, we would be down to 31st. I don't believe any of the remaining European countries would have beaten Australia in a fair World Cup qualifying tie. Of the remaining South Americans only Chile, Peru and perhaps Colombia are good enough to have beaten a real threat to Australia. That would make us 35th. Which leaves the remainder of the Third World. In Asia we have been kings before and I believe we would be now. It is not for no reason the Asians don't want us to cross their World Cup path. The El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemalas of Central America wouldn't threaten us either. And in Oceania — which is really only New Zealand — we have proved ourselves. The real mystery is Africa with that rich reservoir of gifted footballers and technical skill. Apart from visiting the Arab nations of North Africa, they never venture away, never out of their continent and rarely do strong European or South American teams pay them visits. One cannot measure their potential except by how they fared in the World Cup. And on that basis it's safe to say we would have beaten them. So there you are. We rank 35th in a soccer-playing world which comprises over 150 countries. Not bad, you might say. But, like this whole little exercise in speculation, it does us no damn good at all. Except perhaps to show where we would be if the World Cup qualifying system were conducted purely on merit. I mean, it's fine to say we were cheated out of a World Cup place by FIFA and we were. But if the World Cup finals WERE designed for the best teams in the world, we would not have qualified, unless they were expanded to at least 35 teams.

# CUP IN THE BAG, NOW JUVE AIMS AT THE 14



## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMPOL CUP with ALLAN CRISP



● Bugsy Nyskohus ● Zoran Matic ● Brian Northcote  
**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Mullen 7th and 49th), BEOGRAD 0. Referee: Donald Campbell 9. Crowd: 3805. Cautions: Nil.**

**ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS:** McNally 8, Tobin 7 (Higgins 65th), D. Albertson 7 (Colin Miller 53rd), Nyskohus 8, Flounders 8, Santrac 8, Northcote 8, Villani 7 (Metta 44th), Vidmar 6, Maxwell 7, Mullen 9. Coach: Zoran Matic.  
**BEograd:** Pasquini 8, A. Brazzale 7, Douglas 6 (Arezina 41st), Shillabeer 8, Hancar 7, Walsh 8, Greaves 7, Ruzmir 8, Preston 7, P. Millar 7 (Goldsmidt 53rd), Chris Miller 7. Coach: Johnny Nyskohus.

It's a long, hard road but . . . JUVENTUS IS ON THE RIGHT PATH  
Adelaide City Juventus last week jumped its first 1986 hurdle by winning the SA Ampol Cup. This week Juventus faces its second test of the season when it takes on Stirling Macedonia in a first round Nanda Cup clash in Perth. With only Gary Higgins of Salisbury United and Paul Wilde of Azzurri added to the 1985 squad, Juventus fielded a virtual as-you-were squad to retain the Ampol Cup. But new Juventus coach Zoran Matic adopted a vastly different approach to that of 1985 boss Edmund Kreft. Last year's side produced some superb summer stuff, but failed to maintain the momentum during the NSL season. This year Matic eased his charges through the night series with less spectacular football, but still achieved the same result. The aim is for Juventus to peak at the start of the NSL campaign and to eventually qualify for 1987's reduced 14-team format.

Whether that objective can be achieved remains to be seen, but there can be no doubt of the success of plan A. Juventus disposed of the considerably Beograd threat with a stylish brand of football that was streets ahead of anything shown previously this year. And again it was "Jumping" Joe Mullen who emerged as the goalscoring executioner with two fine opportunist efforts. The first goal — a brilliant diving header to connect with a perceptive right-wing cross from Alex Tobin — is still being discussed in the Festival City. The same clinical finishing was in evidence early in the second half when Mullen clipped a precise right-foot drive past Frank Pasquini in the Beograd goal. Mullen successfully lost his marker on three other occasions, but failed to complete what would have been a deserved hat-trick. Apart from Mullen's marksmanship, Juventus found hope for the future in the consistent performances of captain Bugsy Nyskohus and Neville Flounders. The form of goalkeeper Willie McNally, who is tactically sharp since his return from SA's tour

of India, is also cause for optimism, while midfielder Brian Northcote lifted his game with each appearance. Negative aspects of the series for Juventus were injuries to Charley Villani (hurt again in the final) and Alex Tobin. However, Sergio Metta has almost completely recovered from his broken arm as Juventus embarks on the rugged road from domestic triumph to national competition.

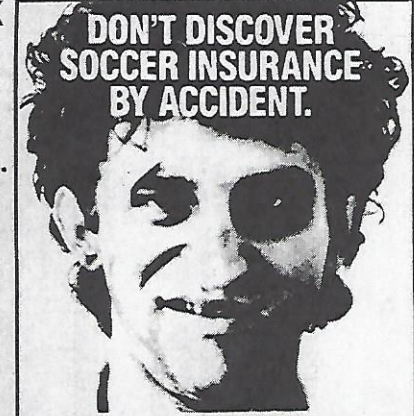


## Homesick

Adelaide Juventus is less than happy that four of its first five Cup and league games are away fixtures. Juventus will be allowed to grace its Olympic Sports Field home turf only in the second round (April 5 v Footscray). Its first-round Nanda Cup game is in Perth against Stirling Macedonia, while its first-round NSL clash is with Heidelberg in Melbourne and its third-round game is against Brisbane Lions in Brisbane. Juventus's away game blues will continue in round four when it will be in Melbourne again to meet Makedonia. By round five Juventus will be looking for a bumper crowd for its home match with South Melbourne Hellas to help fill its dwindling cash box.

## Melita in peril

SA Rothmans League club Windsor-Melita is in danger of losing its Second Division status because it has not registered a colts team this season. Under the SA Soccer Federation's constitution senior clubs must foster junior soccer by fielding youth (under 18) and at least one colts team. Windsor-Melita, which is based at T.K. Shutter Reserve, Klemzig, is experiencing difficulty in attracting sufficient junior players from the area.



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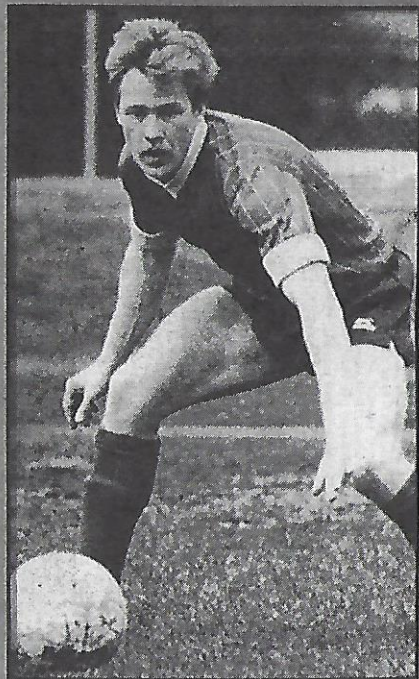
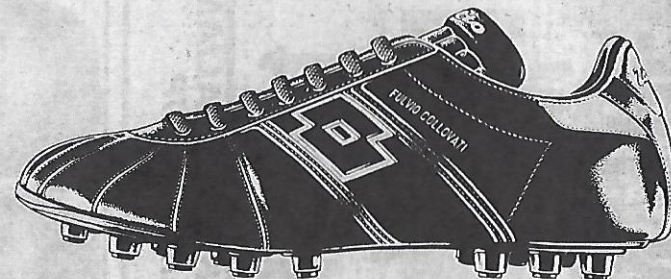
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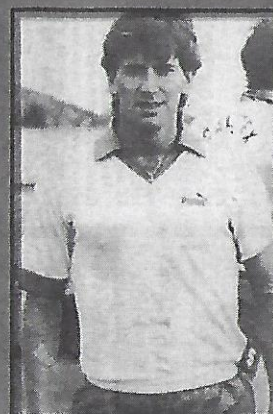
# Get the Boot



● Springvale goalkeeper Keith Adams



● LES SHORROCK's award winning photograph of goalkeeper Peter Blasby — now with Croydon.



● Jed Stenson of Western Suburbs



● Northcote midfielder Juan Toro



● Harry Bingham of Morwell Falcons.



## Victorian State League, 1986

### ROUND 1

SATURDAY MARCH 22  
Melbourne v Thomastown  
Northcote v Croydon City

SUNDAY MARCH 23  
Box Hill v Frankston Pines  
Fawkner v St. Albans  
Polonia v Springvale City  
Morwell Falcons v Caulfield City  
Western Suburbs v Ringwood City

### ROUND 2

SATURDAY MARCH 29  
Caulfield City v Northcote City  
St. Albans v Polonia  
Frankston Pines v Melbourne

SUNDAY MARCH 30  
Croydon City v Western Suburbs  
Springvale City v Morwell Falcons  
Thomastown v Fawkner  
Ringwood City v Box Hill

### ROUND 3

SATURDAY APRIL 5  
Melbourne v Box Hill  
Morwell Falcons v St. Albans  
Northcote City v Springvale City  
Polonia v Thomastown

SUNDAY APRIL 6  
Fawkner v Frankston Pines  
Western Suburbs v Caulfield City  
Croydon City v Ringwood City

### SUNDAY MAY 4

Polonia v Fawkner  
Western Suburbs v Frankston Pines  
Croydon City v Thomastown  
Springvale City v Ringwood City

### ROUND 8

SATURDAY MAY 10  
St. Albans v Springvale City  
Frankston Pines v Croydon City  
Melbourne v Northcote City

### SUNDAY MAY 11

Thomastown v Caulfield City  
Ringwood City v Polonia  
Box Hill v Western Suburbs  
Fawkner v Morwell Falcons

### ROUND 9

SATURDAY MAY 17  
Morwell Falcons v Polonia  
Northcote City v Fawkner  
Caulfield City v Frankston Pines  
St. Albans v Ringwood City

### SUNDAY MAY 18

Western Suburbs v Melbourne  
Croydon City v Box Hill  
Springvale City v Thomastown

### ROUND 10

SATURDAY MAY 24  
Frankston Pines v Springvale City  
Melbourne v Croydon City

### ROUND 14

SATURDAY JUNE 21  
Frankston Pines v Box Hill  
St. Albans v Fawkner  
Caulfield City v Morwell Falcons

### SUNDAY JUNE 22

Thomastown v Melbourne  
Springvale City v Polonia  
Croydon City v Northcote City  
Ringwood City v Western Suburbs

### ROUND 15

SATURDAY JUNE 28  
Morwell Falcons v Springvale City  
Melbourne v Frankston Pines  
Northcote City v Caulfield City

### SUNDAY JUNE 29

Western Suburbs v Croydon City  
Polonia v St. Albans  
Fawkner v Thomastown  
Box Hill v Ringwood City

### ROUND 16

SATURDAY JULY 5  
Frankston Pines v Fawkner  
St. Albans v Morwell Falcons  
Caulfield City v Western Suburbs

### SUNDAY JULY 6

Box Hill v Melbourne  
Thomastown v Polonia  
Springvale City v Northcote City

### SUNDAY AUGUST 3

Fawkner v Polonia  
Box Hill v Northcote City  
Thomastown v Croydon City  
Ringwood City v Springvale City

### ROUND 21

SATURDAY AUGUST 9  
Caulfield City v Thomastown  
Morwell Falcons v Fawkner  
Northcote City v Melbourne

### SUNDAY AUGUST 10

Springvale City v St. Albans  
Polonia v Ringwood City  
Croydon City v Frankston Pines  
Western Suburbs v Box Hill

### ROUND 22

SATURDAY AUGUST 16  
Melbourne v Western Suburbs  
Frankston Pines v Caulfield City

### SUNDAY AUGUST 17

Polonia v Morwell Falcons  
Fawkner v Northcote City  
Box Hill v Croydon City  
Thomastown v Springvale City  
Ringwood City v St. Albans

### ROUND 23

SATURDAY AUGUST 23  
St. Albans v Thomastown  
Morwell Falcons v Ringwood City





● Polonia striker Janusz Przybyla



● Frankston Pines goalkeeper Dennis Boland

**SATURDAY APRIL 12**  
Caulfield City v Croydon City  
St. Albans v Northcote City  
Frankston Pines v Polonia

**SUNDAY APRIL 13**  
Springvale City v Western Suburbs  
Thomastown v Morwell Falcons  
Ringwood City v Melbourne  
Box Hill v Fawkner

**ROUND 5**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 19**  
Morwell Falcons v Frankston Pines  
Northcote City v Thomastown  
Caulfield City v Ringwood City

**SUNDAY APRIL 20**  
Fawkner v Melbourne  
Polonia v Box Hill  
Western Suburbs v St. Albans  
Croydon City v Springvale City

**ROUND 6**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 26**  
St. Albans v Croydon City  
Frankston Pines v Northcote City  
Melbourne v Polonia

**SUNDAY APRIL 27**  
Springvale City v Caulfield City  
Thomastown v Western Suburbs  
Ringwood City v Fawkner  
Box Hill v Morwell Falcons

**ROUND 7**  
**SATURDAY MAY 3**  
Morwell Falcons v Melbourne  
Northcote City v Box Hill  
Caulfield City v St. Albans

Thomastown v St. Albans  
Ringwood City v Morwell Falcons  
Box Hill v Caulfield City  
Fawkner v Western Suburbs  
Polonia v Northcote City

**ROUND 11**  
**SATURDAY MAY 31**  
Northcote City v Morwell Falcons  
Caulfield City v Melbourne  
St. Albans v Frankston Pines

**SUNDAY JUNE 1**  
Western Suburbs v Polonia  
Croydon City v Fawkner  
Springvale City v Box Hill  
Thomastown v Ringwood City

**ROUND 12**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 7**  
Frankston Pines v Thomastown  
Melbourne v Springvale City  
Morwell Falcons v Western Suburbs

**SUNDAY JUNE 8**  
Ringwood City v Northcote City  
Box Hill v St. Albans  
Fawkner v Caulfield City  
Polonia v Croydon City

**ROUND 13**  
**SATURDAY JUNE 14**  
Caulfield City v Polonia  
St. Albans v Melbourne

**SUNDAY JUNE 15**  
Western Suburbs v Northcote City  
Croydon City v Morwell Falcons  
Springvale City v Fawkner  
Thomastown v Box Hill  
Ringwood City v Frankston Pines

**ROUND 17**  
**SATURDAY JULY 12**  
Morwell Falcons v Thomastown  
Melbourne v Ringwood City  
Northcote City v St. Albans

**SUNDAY JULY 13**  
Croydon City v Caulfield City  
Western Suburbs v Springvale City  
Polonia v Frankston Pines  
Fawkner v Box Hill

**ROUND 18**  
**SATURDAY JULY 19**  
Melbourne v Fawkner  
Frankston Pines v Morwell Falcons  
St. Albans v Western Suburbs

**SUNDAY JULY 20**  
Box Hill v Polonia  
Thomastown v Northcote City  
Springvale City v Croydon City  
Ringwood City v Caulfield City

**ROUND 19**  
**SATURDAY JULY 26**  
Caulfield City v Springvale City  
Morwell Falcons v Box Hill  
Northcote City v Frankston Pines

**SUNDAY JULY 27**  
Croydon City v St. Albans  
Western Suburbs v Thomastown  
Fawkner v Ringwood City  
Polonia v Melbourne

**ROUND 20**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 2**  
Melbourne v Morwell Falcons  
Frankston Pines v Western Suburbs  
St. Albans v Caulfield City

**SUNDAY AUGUST 24**  
Springvale City v Frankston Pines  
Croydon City v Melbourne  
Western Suburbs v Fawkner

**ROUND 24**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 30**  
Morwell Falcons v Northcote City  
Melbourne v Caulfield City  
Frankston Pines v St. Albans

**SUNDAY AUGUST 31**  
Polonia v Western Suburbs  
Fawkner v Croydon City  
Box Hill v Springvale City  
Ringwood City v Thomastown

**ROUND 25**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6**  
St. Albans v Box Hill  
Caulfield City v Fawkner  
Northcote City v Ringwood City

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7**  
Thomastown v Frankston Pines  
Springvale City v Melbourne  
Croydon City v Polonia  
Western Suburbs v Morwell Falcons

**ROUND 26**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13**  
Morwell Falcons v Croydon City  
Melbourne v St. Albans  
Frankston Pines v Ringwood City  
Northcote City v Western Suburbs

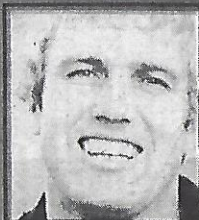
**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14**  
Polonia v Caulfield City  
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Box Hill v Thomastown



● St. Albans Dinamo star Branko Culina — winner of the 1985 Victorian Rothmans Medal.



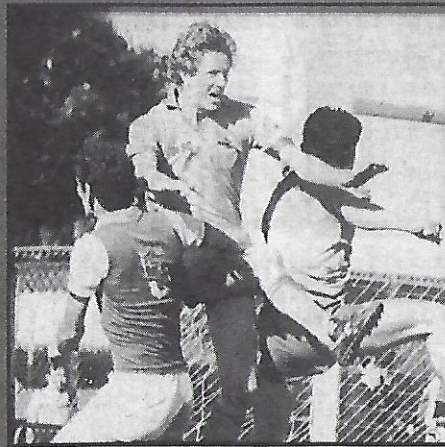
● Former Preston Makedonia star George McMillan. Can he be a winner as player-coach of Thomastown?



Melbourne player-coach  
Paddy Bannon



Caulfield City striker  
Peppe Abrean



● Box Hill's Dean Hennessy (centre) soars high to head at goal. Emil Bruns of Morwell is at left with Andy Humble, now with Croydon, at right.



● Fawkner striker Bruno Cozzella



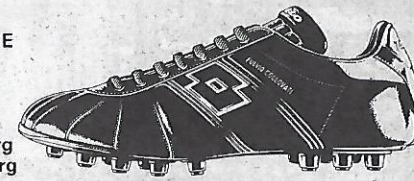
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THE SPORTS CENTRE, Bankstown  
THE SPORTS CENTRE, Carlingford  
GEORGE PIGGINS SPORTS, Maroubra Junction  
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## DOCKERTY CUP DETAILS

**NORTH DANDENONG 2 (Wright 75th, 105th) POLONIA 1 (Warszawski 5th) a.e.t. at Monterey Res.**  
NORTH DANDENONG: Kovacs 9 — Petrakos 8, Lawson 7, Milne 7, Wanwright 5 (Brazil 90th). POLONIA: Gajdos 5, Byrne 6 — Campbell 6, J. McDonald 7, Symonds 5 (Wright 60th 8). Coach: Arthur McMillan.  
**POLONIA, Dachs 5 — Stojewski 6, Farrugia 7, G. Czupnik 6, Smolarek 7 — S. Chetcuti 7, Gregorczuk 8, Colakoglu 6 (P. Dzieselski 90th) — Warszawa 6, P. Czupnik 7, R. Chetcuti 5 (J. Zsembory 35th). 5 Coach: Kaz Kulak.**

**FRANKSTON PINES 1 (G. Runje 75th) WERRIBEE 0, Monterey Res.**  
FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 7 — Thurlow 6, Cumming 7, R. Nelson 7, Ferris 6 — Dick 7, Ross 5 (Hennessy 65th), J. Cullen 6, Miller 5 (McGowan 60th) — Webster 5, G. Runje 6.  
**WERRIBEE: Meletis 7 — Meadham 5 (Italia 65th), Masic 7, Scarlett 7, Anthony 6 — Paulazzo 6, Petrica 6, Calderwood 7, Paola 7 — Beldecky 7, Magnano 8.**

**NUNAWADING 3 (J. Greenewald 25th, 60th, Bastien 70th) ST ALBANS DINAMO 1 (Culina penalty 46th), Churchill Res.**  
NUNAWADING: Mader 7 — Dwyer 6, Canbar 8, Remmers 6, Charlville 6 — Hurleston 7 (Barker 75th), J. Greenewald 9, Moyie 7, Mullett 7 — Bastien 7, C. Middlemist 8. Coach: Jim Adam.  
**ST ALBANS DINAMO: M. Grigic 6 — Kustura 6, Ramiak 6, S. Grigic 6, Kuzman 5 — Kragic 6, Wilson 8, Brkicic 6 — Morovic 6, Lloyd 7, Culina 5. Coach: Tony Vrzina.**

**SUNBURY 3 (Blackley 90th, 101st, Twine 106th) DOVETON 1 (Walters 5th) a.e.t. Churchill Res.**  
SUNBURY: Grech 6 — Skinner 6, Brewerton 9, Kremers 8, P. Boranic 7 — Twine 7, T. Campbell 6, D. Beranic 7 (Deacon 75th 7), Traikovski 9 — Meevski 8, Naricovic 6 (Blackley 50th 7). Coach: Mike Lynn.  
**DOVETON: Edwards 8 — Bruce 6, I. Sweeney 6, Bonney 6, Erdog 6 — Jennings 6, Haddock 6, Robertson 6 — Wans 5, Mayne 5, Walters 7. Coach: Billy Miller.**

**BROADMEADOWS 2 (Loughane 90th, 104th) SANDRINGHAM 1 (O'Malley 92nd) a.e.t. Wembley Park.**  
BROADMEADOWS: Page 7 — Smart 7, Donaldson 7, Higham 7, T. Clanton 8, Wastson 8, Griffiths 8, Borg 6 — Liberto 6, Mazi 90th, Loughane 8, Perkin 6 (De Sa 65th 6), Coach: Phil McArthur.  
**SANDRINGHAM: Karac 7 — O'Malley 7, Finnegan 8, Scott 8, Stuart 8 — Ford 7, Greenwood 7, Dillon 6 — Ayuyce 7 (In. Basley 71st, sub Norrey 105th), Pugh 7, Coyne 5. Coach: Billy Morrey.**

**BOX HILL 4 (Hughes 12th, Griffin 37th, McPhee penalty 43rd, Lawler 65th) NORTHCOTE 1 (Beleginos 17th).**  
BOX HILL: Taylor 7, Hennessy 8, Hughes 7, Burton 7 — Griffin 7, Lawler 7. Coach: Keith Webster.  
**NORTHCOTE: Gianoopolis 6 — Stiliadis 4, Kouremenos 5, Cutler 6, J. Constantinou 6 — Yong 5, Bekaris 5, Patinotis 6, Beleginos 5 — Triantafyllou 4 (Christodoulou 72nd), P. Constantinou 6. Coach: Peri Skamangas.**

**MOOROOLBARK 3 (Tront 34th, Killey 64th, Priestley 84th) SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Bell 34th, Nilsson penalty 92nd), Ross Res.**  
MOOROOLBARK: Graham 7 — Spinks 8, Houston 8, Cuthbert 5, Brack 7 — Gurney 6, Wilcock 6, Kevin Adams 6 — Tront 9, Priestley 8, Killey 8. Coach: Norm Hobson.  
**SPRINGVALE CITY: Whiteside 5 — Vogel 3, Keith Adams 8, Besinger 4, Settle 5 (Amos 78th), G. Adams 8, Bantley 6, Bantley 6, Wid 7, Nelson 7, Bell 7. Coach: Bobby McLachlan.**

**WILHELMINA 4 (Angula 40th, 77th, Thomson 46th, Nijholt 62nd) SPRINGVALE UNITED 2 (Veski 42nd, D. Janjic penalty 50th), Ross Res.**  
WILHELMINA: Brian 7 — M. Bakker 6, Wemyss 6, Corks 5, Lange 6 — Storm 7, Thomson 8, Woudma 8, Angula 9 — Nijholt 7, Wells 7. Coach: Kees Storm.  
**SPRINGVALE UNITED: Mendic 5 — Karavovic 6, Kuppinc 6, S. Janjic 9, Jankovic 9 (Makindro 20th 6) — Veljovic 6, Tedi 5, Culiric 7 — Jellic 6, D. Janjic 7, Veski 8. Coach: Mike Kuppinc.**

**KNOX 3 (Tunstall 42nd, Bryden 83rd, Jones 85th) CLARINDA 1 (Petrakos 32nd), Croynod Park.**  
KNOX CITY: Lon 7, Sasi 7, Tunstall 8, Brindle 6, Turner 7, Murray 8, Holmes 6 (Bryden 60), P. Jones 6, Phillips 6 (Baker 47), M. Jones 6.  
**CLARINDA: Iokamidis 7, Fergatidis 6, Constantinou 6, Lakotis 7, Godeassi 8, T. Gatzonis 7, B. Gatzonis 6, Petrakos 9, Koutikos 6, Ongrins 8, Nitskas 7.**

**CROYDON 4 (MacLean penalty 2nd, A. Humble 12th, French 71st, Tansery 78th) DANDENONG 0, Croynod Park.**  
CROYDON: Blashy 7, Brown 8 (Taylor 75th), Tansery 8, O. Reilly 7, Ollerton 7, Beech 7, Livingstone 8 (McDonald 75th), McLean 8, French 7, Brogan 7.  
**DANDENONG: Gajdos 6, Porter 6, Krasev 7 (In. Phillips 35th 6), Luca 7, Johnson 6, Gadsby 7, Bone 6 (Skornji 40th 6), Spencer 6, D. Luca 7, Delaney 7, Donnelly 7.**

**ALBION TURK GUCU 1 (Unit 64th) BULLEEN 0, Partridge Res.**  
ALBION TURK GUCU: Cipri 6, Gales 6, Behich 6, Gilmour 8, Barba 7, Fench 6, S. Larif 6, Mufah 6, Bennett 7, T. Larif 8, Unit 7. Coach: Tommy Traynor.  
**BULLEEN: Contin 7, Boin 6, Romano 6, Curuli 6, Stecco 6, Curcio 5, Almeida 6, Bozaks 6, Boarotto 7, S. Ruccia 6, D. Ruccia 6. Coach: Alan Gentry.**

**MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Train penalty 107th) THOMASTOWN 1 (Pianotto 103rd) a.e.t. Morwell won 6-5 on penalties.**  
THOMASTOWN: Prelozo 8, Palermo 6, Tutill 7, Bruns 9, Train 7, Wilson 6, C. Cassar 8, Bezzina 6 (sent off 99th), T. Van Baar 6, J. Van Baar 7, A. Cassar 6. Coach: Dave O'Connor.  
**THOMASTOWN: Ranney 7, Planato 7, McMillan 7, Hackett 6, Evans 6, Kerr 6, Carfara 7, Coyte 8, Fisherty 6, Ilham 5. Coach: George McMillan.**

**MELBOURNE-HUNGARIA 2 (Heery 52nd pen, 66th) ALTONA GATE VARDAR 2 (Bikinski 27th, Beattie 51st) a.e.t. Melbourne won 4-3 on penalties. Smith Res.**  
MELBOURNE: Barbas 6 — Szabo 6, Bird 6, T. Dimockzy 6, Edmondson 7 — Wild 6 (Debono 58th 6), Sterpin 6, Dagnall 6, (P. Bannan 85th) — Theodos 6, Roberts 6, Heery 8. Coach: Pat Bannan.  
**ALTONA GATE: Barbas 6 — Gajdos 6, Tolevski 6, Serovski 7, Derivovski 6 — Kebakovski 6, Figueroa 6 (Romanovski 76th), Georgovski 6 — Bikinski 7, Beattie 7, Ristovski 7. Coach: Eddie Reid.**

**FAWKNER 1 (Mancinelli 24th pen) DONCASTER 0, Smith Res.**  
FAWKNER: Wilson 8 — Bordignon 8, Fattore 7, Schipano 6, Jolevski 8, Sabatino 6, Angelo 8, Mancinelli 7 (Quigley 67th) — Lia 6 (Cozzella 61st), Tuffield 6, Di Cecco 7. Coach: Peter Boyle.  
**DONCASTER: Clayton 5 — Sewards 6, I. Humble 7, Vuic 6, P. Cozzella 6 — Tolmievski 7, P. Lennon 7 — Spicer 8, Forsyth 6, Casson 6. Coach: Norm Maitland.**

**WESTERN SUBURBS 6 (Smallman 22nd, 62nd & 81st), Tuck 69th, McGuinness 80th & 88th, YARRAVILLE 0, Gardiner's Res.**  
WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 6 — Beattie 7, Dimovski 7, Esposto 5 (Leckas 65th), Hamill 6 — Farmer 5 (McCluskey 5, half time), Kakanontis 5, Smallman 7 — McGuinness 5, Stenson 5, Tuck 7.  
**YARRAVILLE: Apostolids 5 — Tsolkids 4 — Dimirou 4, Taspinakis 4, T. Papachristodoulou 5 — J. Dimirou 5 (Bouzas 5, half time), Soumelidis 4, C. Papachristodoulou 4 — Goulis 5, Kissas 4, Meletis 5.**

**CAULFIELD 4 (Sahinidis pen 6th, pen 58th, pen 60th, Vagias 41st) OAKLEIGH 1 (Fakos 87th), Gardiner's Res.**  
CAULFIELD: Alexopoulos 6 — Bitsonis 7, Koutos 8, Tofan 8, Tatsiridis 6 — Filipou 8, Sahinidis 8, Amanatidis 7, Xolodis 4 (Hamakios 5, 36th) — Vagias 5 (Alexopoulos 6, half time), Koutos 4, Tatsiridis 4, Tsolkids 4, Papachristodoulou 5 — J. Dimirou 5 (Bouzas 5, half time), Soumelidis 4, C. Papachristodoulou 4 — Goulis 5, Kissas 4, Meletis 5.

**Man of the match:**  
**ANGIE FILIPOU**  
(Caulfield)

**Caulfield 4 Oakleigh 1**

**Scorers: Sahinidis penalty 6th, penalty 58th, penalty 60th, Vagias 41st (C), Fakos 87th (C).**

In one of the craziest games I've seen, Oakleigh looked the better team until goalkeeper Tom Talidis committed a blunder that led to Caulfield's second goal. He complained about something to the referee and was sent off. Jim Sahinidis, who had converted a sixth-minute penalty over a foul by Talidis on Pepe Abraham, completed a hat-trick of penalties in the second half. And one of those penalties was over a foul by the substitute goalkeeper, George Nastopoulos.

All in all, not a good day for goalkeepers.

The match featured the Oakleigh debut of Peter Vardaxis from Hellas, and the Caulfield debut of former Heidelberg-Alexander youth player Theo Vagias, who transferred from Footscray JUST for \$800.

The match-winners, were Jim Sahinidis and Angie Filipoou who outplayed Oakleigh in mid-field, and centre backs Panikos Tofari and Angie Koutos who made some desperate clearances when Oakleigh was still firing in the first half.

Sahinidis opened the scoring with his first penalty after goalkeeper Talidis had fouled Pepe Abraham in the sixth minute of play. But then came a long period of Oakleigh pressure.

The turning point came in the 11st minute. Goalkeeper Talidis raced to the edge of the penalty area, where he fumbled the ball. Mike Stogiannou tried to play it out under pressure, but Vagias won the ball and put it into the empty net. Talidis ran to the referee, complaining loudly, perhaps claiming he had been fouled when he met a challenge as he ran to the ball. He must have been too vociferous about it, however, as the referee sent him off. Kalitidis took off right back Mike Laletas in order to bring on reserve goalkeeper Nastopoulos.

Early in the second half, Vardaxis came forward with a one-two and placed the ball wide to Con Fakos who looked set to score. Talidi, however, charged at him and stopped Fakos with a brilliant tackle.

Then Caulfield took over. Abraham, another former Hellas youth player, pushed the ball past Fakos inside the area and as he tried to follow the ball, he went over Fakos's legs. Sahinidis converted the penalty — his second.

Two minutes later, Abraham darted past half-time substitute Emil Pahljina on the right, converted Nastopoulos and went around him as well. But Nastopoulos used his legs to bring down Abraham, who was hurt and subsequently replaced. Sahinidis strode up for his third penalty and made no mistake.

Oakleigh finally scored a consolation goal when, three minutes from the end, Fakos, at the far post, headed home a cross.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

**Man of the match:**  
**JON GROENEWALD**  
(Nunawading)

**Nunawading 3 St. Alb Dinamo 1**

**Scorers: J. Greenewald 25th, 60th, Bastien 70th (N); Culina penalty 46th (S).**

Nunawading City, coached by Jim Adam, dumped more fancied St Albans Dinamo despite the pressure of Dinamo's two big signings — mid-fielder Mark Wilson from Northcote and striker Kevin Lloyd from Juventus.

# Hat-trick of penalties, Dinamo, Barkers, North in shock wins

For long periods of the match, Dinamo was reduced to playing the ball long down the middle, a tactic which failed dismally thanks to the presence of former Croydon stalwart Steve McCombe in the heart of Nunawading's defence.

Nunawading took the lead in the 25th minute. Chris Middlemast won a high ball played into the Dinamo area, heading it down to Jonathan Greenewald who controlled well then struck the ball past Mato Grigic.

Dinamo levelled a minute into the second half thanks to a penalty that should not have been given. Lloyd turned past Remmers then fell and the referee pointed to the spot. Branko Culina had no trouble converting.

But Nunawading hit back in the 60th minute with the best move of the game. McCombe played the ball short to Moyie who played it down the left to Middlemast. He beat a defender then charged down the line. Middlemast's superb cross found Sandro Bastien challenging Mato Grigic. Both players missed the ball but Greenewald, at the far post, didn't, bringing it under control quickly then slotting it in.

The death knell for Dinamo was sounded in the 70th minute. Bastien, charged in and from 10 metres smacked the ball first time, into the roof of the net. — MIKE LYNN

**Man of the match:**  
**CHRIS KOVAC**  
(Nth Dandenong)

**Nth Dandenong 2 Polonia 1**

**Scorers: Wright 75th, 105th (ND); Warszawski 5th (P).**

Polonia should have wrapped up this match in the first half. Instead two goals by North Dandenong substitute Bob Wright severely embarrassed the State League outfit.

Polonia started in style, Greg Warszawski opening the scoring in the 5th minute with a pleydrier from outside the area. Warszawski and Peter Czupnik went up front and were playing some fine one-twos, causing North plenty of problems. It's just as well that former Melbourne Croatia and Frankston Pines goalie Chris Kovac was in such fine touch or this match would have been over by half-time.

Andrez Zsembory replaced injured Colakoglu in the 35th minute and early in the second half a fine shot from Zsembory was tipped over by Kovac.

On came big Bob Wright, registering 65 on the Richter Scale and set to leave Polonia's hopes of success in ruins.

In the 75th minute, Tommy Fox sent over a fine cross from the left and Wright's diving header made it 2-0.

The winner came in the 105th minute. Fox sent McDonald down the right and McDonald's superb pass set up Wright who slotted it home first time and was good.

— HAMMY McMECHAN

**Man of the match:**  
**TONY HEERY**  
(Melbourne)

**Melbourne 2 Alt. G. Vardar 2**

**Scorers: Heery penalty 52nd, 66th (M); Bikinski 27th, Beattie 51st (A.G.). Melbourne won 4-3 on penalties.**

Melbourne Soccer club

averaged \$83 in gate takings per home game as it steamrolled its way to the first division championship of the Victorian league last season.

It now has joined the growing list of clubs that have had sanity drummed into them simply by reaching the brink of bankruptcy.

"Most of our committeemen have now reached the stage where they are zipping their pockets and saying no more," Melbourne committeeman Steve Hargitay said as he surveyed the scene at Fawkner's Smith Reserve with Melbourne under the hammer trailing 1-2 midway through the second half.

The harsh reality remains that Melbourne will struggle to survive in top company.

Star striker Danny Ward was playing in a practice match with Green Gully while Melbourne was struggling to survive in this opening round encounter of the Richoch Dockerty Cup.

Con Theodosopoulos wants to try out with Heidelberg in the National league. Vito Bannan is not back yet from his fishing expeditions, John Wallace is out injured and player-coach Pat Bannan was unkindly described as resembling a beached whale in a suburban newspaper column written by Frank Campbell recently.

Altona Gate took the lead after only 21 minutes with a simple move. A freekick from Bobby McGuinness was headed back across goal by new signing David Beattie and Tim Bilicki was on hand to push it over the line from inside the six yard box. Beattie then took only six minutes of the second half to make it 2-0 running onto a through ball from Ristovski to hammer a shot which Marco Barbas only could parry back to Beattie and the striker made no mistake with his second attempt.

Melbourne clawed its way back into contention with a minute of that goal when Tony Heery was brought down in the box by Jim Derivovski and Heery himself converted the resultant penalty.

Heery equalised with the best of the game in the 68th minute. An Altona defender messed up an attempted clearance from John Bird's long through ball allowing Heery to break clear down the left and then lob the ball over the advancing Barbas from outside the box into an empty net.

Altona Gate fluffed two clear chances in extra time — Kebakovski hit the crossbar and Bikicki hit the post.

The sides converted their first three penalties but big John Serovski hit his spotkick too close to the keeper allowing Barbas to block the shot.

Kevin Roberts made it 4-3 for Melbourne then Ristovski hammered his spotkick against the corner of the post giving Melbourne victory. — PETER DESIRA

**Man of the match:**  
**JOE TRONT**  
(Mooroolbark)

**Mooroolbark 3 Springvale C. 2**

**Scorers: Tront 34th, Killey 64th, Priestley 84th (M); Bell 24th, Nelson penalty 92nd (S).**

Joe Tront, Pat Priestley, Peter Killey — that forward line would do justice to some State League clubs. It was pre-occupied last Saturday with bundling Springvale City out of the 1986 Richoch Dockerty Cup. Yes folks, the

same Springvale City with championship aspirations.

Yet Springvale fans wouldn't have contemplated an upset after watching Jim Nelson head on and Eddie Bell run in and strike the ball into the bottom far corner of the goal in the 28th minute. Six minutes later, Mooroolbark hit back.

Jimmy Spinks beat two opponents as he went down the right, but was fouled in the process. Mooroolbark fans still were waiting for a free kick when Spinks played the ball to Tront, running across the Springvale area. Tront turned and struck a shot into the far corner for a superbly executed goal.

Priestley's long range shot in the 64th caught Bill Whiteside by surprise. The ball came off Whiteside's chest and the incoming Killey knocked it in to make it 2-1.

The game was put out of Springvale's reach in the 84th minute. A Tront corner was headed on by Killey to Priestley who headed home at the far post.

Springvale was awarded a penalty in the 92nd minute after Liam Houston fouled Bell and Jim Newland made no mistake smacking the ball into the top right hand corner but Mooroolbark ran out a worthy winner. — MICK MITTEN

**Man of the match:**  
**DAVID SMALLMAN**  
(W. Suburbs)

**W. Suburbs 6 Yarraville 0**

**Scorers: Smallman 22nd, 62nd, 81st, Tuck 69th, McGuinness 80th, 88th.**

Yarraville fielded Fred Dimitriou (ex-Polonia), signed from Bulleen, his other team, from Royal Richmond, and, in the second half, Bill Bouzas playing against his former club, Western Suburbs, but none of them could prevent the match being any more than a training jog for Wests.

David Smallman notched a hat-trick while ambling through the match. He simply moved forward from deep positions with Yarraville failing to pick him up.

The entire Yarraville mid-field simply gave up and refused to move forward after Wests had scored their second goal in the 62nd minute.

But John Goulis, Jim Dimitriou, Jim Tsolkids and Nick Meletis made some nice moves early in the match, and John Soumelidis just missed with a first-time shot in the 19th minute.

Three minutes later, however, Smallman chested the ball down in front of goalkeeper Nick Apostolids who was playing his first game against his former club, turned and lobbed it into the net for the first goal.

West's second goal should not have been allowed. Jed Stenson played a through ball for Smallman who was offside on the left, as he put it away easily.

Apostolids saved a good shot by Darren Tuck who made amends a few minutes later. Bobby McGuinness ran to the byeline and cut the ball back. Smallman dummied, and Tuck, behind him, put it away.

Then Apostolids saved a penalty! It was taken by McGuinness after Tim Papachristodoulou had fouled him.

McGuinness scored an easy one after a square ball from Tuck in the 80th minute.

Then came the sweetest goal of all, scored by Smallman with a delicate chip that went in just under the bar.

McGuinness finished it off with goal No. 6, as Apostolids, Yarraville's best player, got a touch in a vain attempt to save. — LAURIE SCHWAB

**Man of the match:**  
**GEORGE JOLEVSKI**  
(Fawkner)

**Fawkner 1 Doncaster R. 0**

**Scorers: Mancinelli penalty 24th.**

Ian Tuffield's return to Victorian soccer after a season of burning Yankee dollars was overshadowed by the performance of three youngsters in this otherwise disappointing match.

The tussle between George Jolevski at left back and Doncaster's teenage winger Paul Spicer was the highlight of the afternoon.

Fawkner's other fullback, Peter Bordignon, another 17 year old who already has had coach Peter Boyle singling his praises in "Soccer Action", is a real terror who put himself about and won most tussles with Casson despite being half the giant's size. The youngster doesn't know the meaning of fear although a couple of bruises he will carry for a few days may help in that direction.

Fawkner took the lead in the 24th minute when Ian Humble brought down Frank Sabatino in the area and Fab Mancinelli squared the ball. The penalty kick even though Gary Clayton guessed the right way and got a good touch of the ball.

Doncaster hit back towards the end of the first half when Pat Lennon raced in to intercept a Cesare Fattore backpass only to see his shot blocked by the inform Richard Wilson. Then Spicer got past Jolevski on the right to send over a centre which Casson proceeded to hammer well wide.

Cozzella was omitted and used as substitute after missing training through business commitments. Quigley was overlooked after missing the previous week's final and Palinkas, recovering from a virus was to play in the reserves Sunday. — PETER DESIRA

**Man of the match:**  
**GARY MCPHEE**  
(Box Hill)

**Box Hill 4 Northcote 1**

**Scorers: Hughes 12th, Griffin 37th, McPhee penalty 43rd, Lawler 65th (BH); Beleginos 17th (N).**

Northcote fielded the worst line-up I've seen in State League in my six years of reporting and to make matters worse, goalkeeper John Gianoopolis stormed out of the dressing rooms after the match after clashing with a Northcote committeeman.

If Box Hill had gone flat out it could have hammered Northcote by seven or eight goals.

Box Hill took 12 minutes to score. Dean Hennessy played the ball short to Phil Griffin who struck a superb long ball to Chris Taylor on the right. I don't know whether Taylor intended setting up Andy Hughes or had pushed the ball too far when cutting inside an opponent but Hughes was through and neatly struck the ball past Gianoopolis.

Five minutes later George Beleginos, one of a few Northcote players who make Tommy Cumming look like Andre the Giant, timed his run superbly to elude Box Hill's offside trap. Beleginos ran onto Jimmy Constantinou's pass and lobbed the advancing John McKinlay. It was to be one of the few times that McKinlay was reminded that he was playing.

Griffin was given a free header following a Taylor corner in the 31st minute but



# Elegance on theaters Northcote

Croydon couldn't have wished for easier pickings when it starts to defend its Victorian State League title against Northcote at John Cain Reserve on Saturday.

Jim McLean, Graham French, Dave Brogan and Andy Humble should have a field day on the superb John Cain Reserve surface against a team that already has relegation written all over it.

Russell Athersy arrives from England this week and Greg House finally could be cleared so Springvale City must be confident of getting a result against Polonia at Ross Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia's star striker Janusz Przybyla is battling to overcome injury, leaving Greg Warsawski and perhaps Peter Czupnik to carry the responsibilities of putting Springvale's defence under pressure.

The Vales were unceremoniously dumped from the Ricoh Dockery Cup by Third Division Mooroolbark last weekend but surely Martin Vogel and new signing from Knox, Mike Bissinger, can't play as poorly as they did in that game. Then again...

Hammy McMechan is confident that Frankston Pines can win the championship. We'll see how right he is for Pines have a huge assignment on Sunday when they

run into Box Hill at Wembley Park.

Melbourne has got its house in order quickly otherwise it won't be able to field a side capable of matching strides with George McMillan's Thomastown at J T Gray Reserve on Saturday. The Bantons brothers, father-coach Paddy and right back Vince, must be in the Melbourne line-up if it hopes to do well here. If they are and Danny Ward is up front, Melbourne can earn a point.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

With Ian Tuffield, Bruno Czozella and Joe Palinkas up front, Fawkner should defeat St Albans Dinamo at Smith Reserve on Sunday. The Fawkner defence has been stiffened with Richard Wilson's appearance in goal which is just as well, for Dinamo's strength is in attack where Dennis Morovic, Kevin Lloyd and

Branko Culina are a formidable combination. Morwell Falcons should have midfielder Raphael Underwood from Knox in its line-up when it meets Stage League newcomer Caulfield City at North Cringean Reserve on Sunday. Caulfield is great going forward but once Harry Bingham returns, Morwell

boasts one of the strongest defences in State League with Bingham, Emu Bruns, Graham Tuitill and Jim Train.

Morwell's major problem lies up front but coach Dave O'Connor is trying to rectify that. Morwell might just sneak this one.

Western Suburbs, fresh from its 6-0 thrashing of Yarraville in the Ricoh Dockery Cup, packs too much punch up front and should beat Ringwood Wilhelmnia at

Ralph Reserve on Sunday. Wilhelmnia's main weakness is at the back so Bobby McGuinness, Darren Tuck and David Smallman should put paid to Wilhelmnia's hopes.

Wilhelmnia almost took a giant step toward solving its defensive worries when it reached terms with former South Melbourne Hellas and Brunswick Juventus star Billy Rogers recently but at the last minute Rogers opted out due to work commitments.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

**SATURDAY**

Melbourne v Thomastown (draw) at J T Gray Reserve 3pm

Northcote v CROYDON at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.

**SUNDAY**

BOX HILL v Frankston Pines at Wembley Park, 3pm

FAWKNER v St Albans Dinamo at Smith Reserve, 3pm.

SPRINGVALE CITY v Polonia at Ross Reserve, 3pm.

MORWELL v CAULFIELD at North Cringean Reserve, 3pm.

WESTERN SUBURBS v Ringwood Wilhelmnia at Ralph Reserve, 3pm.

## VICTORIAN LEAGUES KICK OFF

**The Victorian and Provisional Leagues kick off on Saturday with Sunbury, Oakleigh, Nunawading City and Altona Gate looming as championship contenders in the Victorian League First Division.**

The star-studded Prahran Celtic line-up expects to win the Second Division championship but could write a real battle on its hands when it travels to Kim Reserve on Saturday to clash with a very competitive Altona City outfit.

Here are all of this weekend's league games with likely winners in capitals:

**DIVISION ONE** — Saturday: North Dandenong v OAKLEIGH; NUNAWADING CITY v Doveton.

**Sunday: Albion Turk Gucu v ALTONA GATE; Broadmeadows City v SUNBURY UNITED; DONCASTER ROVERS v SM Mordialloc; Knox City v Richmond (draw); Mornington v Werribee (draw).**

**DIVISION TWO** — Saturday: Altona City v Prahran Celtic (draw); DANDENONG CITY v Mooroolbark; Eltham v NORTH GEELONG; ESSENDON CITY v Moreland Park Rangers; Northcote v Kew Australia (draw); Bulleen v Waverley City (draw); Royal Richmond v SANDRINGHAM.

**DIVISION THREE** — Saturday: MOOROOLBARK v Bell Park; CLIFTON HILL v Yarraville; Coburg v SPRINGVALE UNITED; CHELSEA v ROSEBURY; Prahran v Moorabbin City (draw);

**PORT MELBOURNE v Corio; GEELONG v YALLOURN.**

**DIVISION FOUR** — Saturday: HOLLAND PARK v Langwarrin; BALLARAT v Boronia; CLARINDA v Lalor United; BORDER v Keysborough; Brighton v HEIDELBERG UMDORA; MAWTHORN v East Brunswick; KARINGALL UNITED v West Brunswick.

**PROVISIONAL LEAGUE** — DIVISION ONE — Saturday: ARDER v EAST PRESTON; CLAYTON v WANDANORA; EAST GEELONG v SEAFORD UNITED; BERWICK CITY v Pascoe Vale; Greensborough v WILLIAMSTOWN; Ivanhoe City v CENTRAL CITY v Geelong United.

**DIVISION TWO** — Saturday: CHELSEA v BRUNSWICK CITY; CRANBOURNE v Monbulk; DING-

**LEY UNITED v South Dandenong; MOSSFIEL v Regent; Melton v Forest Hill (draw); MONASH UNIVERSITY v Uni Of Melbourne; NORTH SUNSHINE v Westall.**

**DIVISION THREE** — Saturday: ASCOT VALE CITY v Richmond United; MITCHEM v Meadow Park; BATMAN UNITED v West Meadows; BURWOOD UNITED v South Yarra; Fitzroy City v Parkmore (draw); GLENROY v Port United; Altona United v South Springvale (draw).

**DIVISION FOUR** — Saturday: CARRUM UNITED v Balacava; LYNDALE UNITED v Ringwood Rovers; MULGRAVE ASCOM v Debnay Park; RIVERSDALE v Northern United; ST KILDA v Waverley United; West United v Kensington United (draw); Lalor v SKYE ROVERS.

headed straight to Gianopoulos. Six minutes later, Griffin made amends.

Another Taylor corner was headed goalward by Andy McMillan and helped on its way by the head of Griffin.

In the 43rd minute, a magic ball by Gary McPhee, who had a fine game, put another box of Box Hill's better players, Hennessy, through on the right. Some would have it that Hennessy's right foot is only good for standing on, but as luck would have it, Hennessy's attempted cutback struck George Kouremenos on the arm. McPhee took the resultant penalty, sending Gianopoulos the wrong way and it was 3-1.

Lawler made it 4-1 in the 65th minute with a fine header at the far post from a superb Taylor cross from the right.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

**Man of the match:**  
**TONY DILLON**  
(Sandringham)

**Broadmeadows 2 Sandringham 1**  
Scorers: Loughnane 30th, 104th (B); O'Malley 32nd (S).

Ian Loughnane paid off a large part of the \$1,750 Broadmeadows wage by taking the services of the striker when he stopped Second Division Sandringham City from effecting a minor upset.

Mind you, Broadmeadows was stretched every inch of the way. It was forced into extra time and was saved from the trauma of a penalty showdown by Loughnane's second goal with just six minutes to go.

Sandringham lined up without star striker Alan Evans and fellow frontman Alex Fenton. Broadmeadows was without Ray Mizzi and Orlando De Sa. They had arrived late and although named in the starting line-up, had a taste of the kind of discipline coach Billy McArthur demands when they landed on the substitutes' bench.

Dave Griffiths had lined up

**Makedonia takes Cup**

**PRESTON MAKEDONIA 3** (E. Distirevski, L. Ristevski, M. Angelovski) **SPRINGVALE UNITED 0**, Under 13 Buffalo Cup final.

MAKEDONIA: P. Petrovski, J. Mavrouski, B. L. Mirovski, B. Dragovski, L. Ristevski, R. Tancovski, G. Novacevski, E. Dimitrevski, M. Angelovski, J. Ristevski, L. Trajkovski, M. Donovski, M. Naimovski, N. Mitrevski, R. Dimitrevski.

**Man of the match:**  
**TOM BREWERTON**  
(Sunbury)

**Sunbury 3 Doveton 1**  
Scorers: Blackley 30th, 101st, Twine 106th (S); Walton 5th (D).

Doveton goalie George Edwards, signed this match in a hurry. Seconds remained of normal time with the Doves clinging to a 1-0 lead when Edwards presented Sunbury with a last gasp equaliser.

His goalkick went straight to Sunbury substitute Colin Blackley, who charged into the Doveton area, rounded Edwards, slotted the ball in and allowed the Sunbury bench to breathe easy.

Sunbury signed former Soccer Mike Micevski from Altona Gate for \$2,000 last Friday and he was making his debut along with team mates Tom Brewerton (signed from Croydon), Lino Grech (from Broadmeadows) and Tony Narcissio (from Juventus).

In the 5th minute, Brewerton, Ron Kremers and Grech got mixed up as a swerving free kick was struck into the Sunbury area. Walton was at the far post to touch the ball in and the Doves were in front.

That goal was the signal for the depleted Doveton to pull men back behind the ball at all costs and rely on long clearances. Sunbury created chances but couldn't score. Its biggest culprit was Trevor Campbell who missed three takers.

Edwards had done well until his last minute blunder and in extra time, the Doves finally capitulated.

John Twine beat Doveton's offside trap the 101st minute and squared the ball to Black-

ley in the 10th minute settled the issue. He broke from just over the halfway line, drew out Edwards then slotted the ball away to complete the scoreline.

— MIKE LYNN

**Man of the match:**  
**STUART GILMOUR**  
(Albion Turk G.)

**Alb. Turk G. 1 Bulleen 0**  
Scorers: Umit 64th.

Much more was expected from the new glamour team Bulleen, winner of the 1985 Coppa Italia, but it could not penetrate the solid Albion Turk Gucu defence led magnificently by that old fox Stuart Gilmour.

In the 14th minute Pino Curcio lobbed the ball into the penalty box and Andy Boziskas took over the bar. In the 27th minute, Curcio was felled inside the area but play was waved on.

In the 29th minute, Alan Contini made a brilliant save from a Toni Latif shot from just inside the box.

In the 40th minute, Mullah had a chance to open the scoring but the ball went over the bar. Soon after, Toni Latif grazed the woodwork.

In the 64th minute, Raji Umit broke the deadlock. Alan Bennett crossed from the left to the far post and Umit jumped three feet and kicked the ball into a well taken header.

Boziskas had a chance to equalise in the 75th minute but his pilerdriver was brilliantly saved by Albionkeeper Charlie Cipri who punched the ball clear.

Laurie Boarotto managed to have another crack at goal and once again Cipri denied Bulleen with a great save. This time with his right foot.

— MARCELO D'AMICO

**Man of the match:**  
**JIM MACLEAN**  
(Croydon)

**Croydon 4 Dandenong C. 0**  
Scorers: MacLean penalty 2nd, A. Humble 12th, French 71st, Tansley 78th.

Jim MacLean opened the scoring from the penalty spot after Andy Humble had been hauled down. Dandy put on a brave front and nearly equalised minutes later when Mark Krsevan's neat header caught the Croydon defence on the hop but Mark Brown booted

in off the post. A superb, powerful run by Twine in the 10th minute settled the issue. He broke from just over the halfway line, drew out Edwards then slotted the ball away to complete the scoreline.

— MIKE LYNN

Croydon's second goal was the culmination of a well orchestrated move. A Jim Tansley — Dave Brogan exchange put Andy Humble through to knock the ball into the net.

Croydon ambled onto the pitch for the second stanza and allowed Dandenong free reign for a time, and although Donnelly had a clear header at goal, Croydon stepped up a gear, fed the ball forward and Graham French plopped in an easy number three.

Blasby was called upon in a breakaway move by Dandenong but Croydon's keeper had long enough fingers to get the ball past the post. Jim Tansley scored Croydon's final goal with a cracking drive which squirmed past a diving Gugayana.

— JOHN WALLACE

**Man of the match:**  
**ROMEO PREZIOSO**  
(M. Falcons)

**Morwell F. 1 Thomastown 1**  
Scorers: Train penalty 107th (MF); Planalto 103rd (T); Morwell won 6-5 on penalties.

Coming from the brink of defeat, Morwell Falcons snatched a miraculous win with the last kick of an entertaining game.

After 90 minutes it was 0-0 and the situation did not change in the first period of extra time. When young stopper Robert Planalto, the Thomastown in front with seven minutes to go, few would have put money on a Falcons' victory. The visitors had played the last 11 minutes of extra time with 10 men after midfielder Pat Bezina had been sent off.

But three minutes from the end, Graham Tuitill broke from defence and found the strength to charge in the Thomastown penalty box where he was fouled by Mike Rainey. Referee Simenon pointed to the penalty spot and Jim Train stepped up.

For the second week in a row Thomastown had to face a penalty showdown and after 18 penalties Morwell emerged victorious.

Thomastown had fielded a new-look side with six new players: defenders Rainey (Prahran), McMillan (Preston), Hackett (Juventus), midfielders Kerr (Croydon) and Evans (from Industrial League side Inner City) and forward Ilhan (Holland Park).

The home side played well enough to win but great credit must go to the winners who never gave up. Both goalkeepers played brilliantly as did midfielders Brian Coyle and Effie Cassar.

back with determination to level. Kerr put Thomastown one up in the penalty shoot-out and Train evened the score. Hackett, Anthony Cassar and Evans converted and Thomastown was leading 3-2. Raponi saved brilliantly from Jack van Baar then both Rainey and Bruns scored.

Now it was the turn of Thomastown player-coach George McMillan but he blasted over the bar.

Tuitill squared proceedings with a low shot. Tension was high.

Zicherty, Effie Cassar and Coyle saw their attempts saved by Prezioso and Raponi. Beller and Mark Cassar made no mistake and when Ilhan blasted wide Morwell had its chance to win.

As cool as a veteran, young Domenico Palermo took his shot and gave Raponi no chance whatsoever.

— MARCELO D'AMICO

**Man of the match:**  
**VICTOR ANGULA**  
(R. Wilhelmnia)

**R. Wilhelmnia 4 Springvale Utd. 2**  
Scorers: Angula 40th, 77th, Thomson 46th, Nijholt 62nd (RW); Veleksi 42nd, D. Janic penalty 50th (SU).

Everything you're not supposed to do in terms of contemporary coaching was done in this game.

There was little closing down, a lot of ball watching and players were given freedom to roam about the park. Nevertheless, there were six goals scored and many goalmouth incidents and it was an enjoyable spectacle.

Indeed, if players had taken the chances on offer a scoreline of about 7-5 would have been recorded.

Wilhelmnia took the lead in the 40th minute when Victor Angula, its Chilean newcomer from South Dandenong, went past a defender then smashed a 25 metre left footed shot in off the bottom of the near post. Two minutes later scores were level.

Veleksi broke free with Wilhelmnia claiming offside. Referee Torben Sorenson quite correctly waved play on and Veleksi rounded Wilhelmnia's recent signing from Knox, goalkeeper Robert Brian, and tapped the ball in, much to the delight of Springvale United's fans.

A minute into the second half, Wilhelmnia restored its lead. A bad header by a Springvale United defender was snapped up by Ermas Wondim who hooked the ball across goal and Stuart Thomson headed in.

But Springvale United hit back in the 50th minute when referee Sorenson pointed to the penalty spot. Dragan Janic

took the spot kick and although Brian did well to save Janic's attempt, he was helpless as Janic cracked home the rebound.

A goal superbly engineered by Angula made it 3-2 to Wilhelmnia in the 62nd minute. Angula, on the left, sent over an immaculate kick to the far post and John Nijholt had the simple task of heading in.

Wilhelmnia made certain of victory in the 77th minute. Mark Wells made a good break on the right and touched the ball inside to Angula whose first timer sent the ball whizzing into the top left hand corner of Springvale United's goal.

— MICK MITTEN

**Man of the match:**  
**PETER PETRAKOS**  
(Clarinda)

**Knox City 3 Clarinda 1**  
Scorers: Tunstall 42nd, Bryden 33rd, Jones 85th (KC); Petrakos 23rd (C).

Peter Petrakos, 17, was the thorn in the flesh for Knox, and with the curly haired Jim Ongiris on the opposite wing, swung balls into the goalmouth.

Only the experience of Tim Tunstall and the newly-signed Fred Murray stopped what could have been an embarrassing situation.

Les Lon tipped over a snap shot on the angle from Petrakos but was caught napping from a free kick position.

Bill Gatonsold a dummy and Petrakos' well practiced bender flew round four amazed faces before squirming through Lon's legs into the net.

Pressure was lifted off Knox three minutes before half time when Tunstall, completely unmarked, nodded home from Norrie Pat's perfect cross.

Clarinda was into it right from the second half whistle and Lady Luck smiled on Knox when Petrakos let fly from the edge of the box but hit the post. Michael Lohmuis stopped a beauty from Robbie Jones but had no hope when substitute Dean Bryden headed in past a crowded defence.

Two minutes later, Dave Nelson wrapped up the action slamming the ball home from a Jones cross.

— JOHN WALLACE

**Man of the match:**  
**SEB MAGNANO**  
(Werribee)

**F'ston Pines 1 Werribee 0**  
Scorers: G. Rung 75th. With almost his first touch, Pines substitute

Paul Hennessy, who had replaced Jimmy Ross in the 68th minute, set up what was to be the winning goal in a match which was frustrating for Pines who didn't finish nearly as clinically as they should have.

Hennessy's cross was headed on by Alfy Dick and Goran Runje, who joined Pines recently from Mornington. After trying out with Melbourne Croatia, was at the far post and gave Werribee goalie Angelo Meletis no chance with a firm shot.

Werribee had started brightly. Rob Bellety and particularly Seb Magnano were lively up front but Pines gradually gained control.

Dick made a great run down the right and crossed to Runje but Mistic made a desperate clearance. From a Chris Miller corner, big Peter Thurlow crashed a shot against the bar and a good run by Runje ended with his shot just shaving the post. It was Ross's turn next but his left footer skimmed the post and during this period of the first half Werribee only offered a long range attempt by Ian Calderwood.

Meletis made a fine save, tipping over a Dick shot then Rob Nelson and Runje took turns at blasting the ball over from great positions.

Early in the second half, Miller took too long deciding what to do, enabling Mistic to charge down his shot and a first timer from Stan Webster sailed over.

When it found itself a goal down, Werribee pushed more forward but Pines goalie Dennis Boland showed his class by dealing competently with anything that came his way.

— HAMMY MCMEECHAN

**BINGO?**

● Mick Mitten reports from Ross Reserve that Springvale City's clubroom is closed on Saturday due to bingo.

That isn't a big deal until you realise that Springvale City was hosting a Ricoh Dockery Cup four header.

This isn't the first time that Springvale's clubrooms have been shut when the club was hosting a double header. In last year's Dockery Cup, a wedding reception made hising the clubrooms impossible. That day, Yallourn and Corio were playing at Ross Reserve. Needless to say, they had come in a long, long way to compete.

The VSF isn't blameless in this matter. It should check with Springvale to ensure that the club's full facilities are made available to the soccer public, those of us that still bother to go to games. If those facilities aren't available, Springvale shouldn't host such important matches.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



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# THE INDOOR BOOM!

## New State League kicks off this week

The Australian Indoor Soccer Federation (Victoria) announces that the inaugural State League in the All-Age Division for men starts on March 21 with other divisions for men and women planned for 1987.

The Latrobe Valley, Geelong, Preston, Bayswater, Sunshine and Donvale are the foundation members.

All teams have put in an intensive summer training program and with many of the players having made the Australian training squad a hard fought competition is assured.

Here is the State League draw:

**ROUND 1:** 8.30pm Fri 21 March: Latrobe Valley v Bayswater, 7.00pm Sun 23 March: Geelong v Sunshine, 8.00pm Wed 26 March: Preston v Donvale.

**ROUND 2:** 8.00pm Mon 7 April: Bayswater v Geelong, 8.00pm Wed 9 April: Donvale v Latrobe Valley, 8.00pm Wed 9 April: Sunshine v Preston.

**ROUND 3:** 7.00pm Sun 13 April: Geelong v Preston; 8.00pm Mon 14 April: Bays-

water v Donvale; 8.30pm Fri 18 April: Latrobe Valley v Sunshine.

**ROUND 4:** 8.00pm Wed 23 April: Preston v Latrobe Valley; 8.00pm Wed 23 April: Sunshine v Bayswater, 8.00pm Wed 23 April: Donvale v Geelong.

**ROUND 5:** 8.00pm Mon 28 April: Bayswater v Preston; 8.00pm Wed 30 April: Sunshine v Donvale; 8.00pm Wed 30 April: Latrobe Valley v Geelong.

**ROUND 6:** 8.00pm Mon 5 May: Bayswater v Latrobe Valley; 8.00pm Wed 7 May: Donvale v Preston; 8.00pm Wed 7 May: Sunshine v Geelong.

**ROUND 7:** 7.00pm Sun 11 May: Geelong v Bayswater; 8.00pm Wed 14 May: Preston v Sunshine; 8.30pm Fri 16 May: Latrobe Valley v Donvale.

**ROUND 8:** 8.00pm Wed 21

May: Preston v Geelong; 8.00pm Wed 21 May: Sunshine v Latrobe Valley; 8.00pm Wed 21 May: Donvale v Bayswater.

**ROUND 9:** 7.00pm Sun 25 May: Geelong v Donvale; 8.00pm Mon 26 May: Bayswater v Sunshine; 8.30pm Fri 30 May: Latrobe Valley v Preston.

**ROUND 10:** 8.00pm Wed 4 June: Donvale v Sunshine; 8.00pm Wed 4 June: Preston v Bayswater; 8.00pm Wed 4 June: Geelong v Latrobe Valley.

**FINALS:** 1st Semi: 3rd v 4th; 2nd Semi: 1st v 2nd. Both to be held during the week of Mon 9 June. Preliminary: loser 2nd Semi v Winner 1st, during the week of Mon 16 June.

**GRAND FINAL** — winner 2nd Semi v Winner Preliminary, during the week of Mon 23 June.



• Triestina Black Devils, back row: Andy Varga, Tony Severino, Mick Bonaddio, John Sorani. Front row: Emile Varga (mascot), Carlo del Porto, John Lo Grasso.

## Severino hits Vardar for six!

**Black Devils 6  
Vardar 3**

Scorers: Black Devils — Severino 6, Sorani. Black Devils: Bonaddio 7, Lo Grasso 7, Varga 8, Sorani 8, Severino 8.

The game for league leaders Black Devils did not start well. After six minutes they were trailing 0-1.

But at the 10 minute mark Severino had already scored twice to put them back in the lead 2-1, but 15 seconds after keeper Bonaddio let in a weak shot to make the score 2-2.

Just before half time, Severino hit his hat-trick to make the score 3-2.

The second half saw the Black Devils put on the pressure, hitting the post three times and then the bar twice, before Severino, in the 7th and 9th minutes put the issue beyond doubt to make the score 5-2.

Vardar had time to make it 5-3 before John Sorani with only seconds left, completed the scoreline and took Black Devils a step closer to the finals, starting next week and culminating with the grand final the following week.

## Terzini aims for Roos

Maurice Terzini has played soccer for seven years in the dreaded role of goalkeeper.

He has agility, understanding, perception and a great deal of determination to be a successful keeper. Having a brother who also is a keeper is probably why Maurice wants to succeed. His brother Robert plays with Fawkner.

Maurice has played for Fawkner, Bulleen Veneto and this year he joined Esendon Triestina. Like many outdoor players he has turned to indoor soccer for an extra sporting activity which he says is fun but most of all keeps him alert.

Maurice is also part of Melbourne Eliminators, the national league team, and really looks forward to their games, because competition in this league is a real challenge.

He has represented Victoria in the U/20 team and has also been picked in the U/20 Australian team which will tour Czechoslovakia and Portugal.

Says Maurice: "There is a great future in indoor soccer, especially for young players who have a number of opportunities through various centres to be selected for representative teams."

## Goodonya Goodonya, Tosevski tops for Cosmos

### Goodonya 4 Euronations 2

Scorers: C. Karabathula 2, A. Tsomos, G. Thalassinos (G) T. Frangakis 2 (E).  
GOODONYA: B. Nikolakis 7, S. Parnouktsis 7, A. Tsomos 8, C. Karabathula 7, J. Giordano 7, G. Thalassinos 8, D. Mahoney 7, D. Carillo 6.  
EURONATIONS: J. Franga-

kis 6, T. Frangakis 8, J. Maniatis 7, C. Steriou 7, F. Gauchi 7, M. Mahis 6.

In only its second game of indoor soccer under the international rules sanctioned by the A.I.S.F. Goodonya demonstrated the organisation and discipline of a far more experi-

enced team.

After its 3-0 loss to Macedonia the previous week it seemed that the boys, who have a vast array of outdoor experience, may have taken a season or two to adapt to this exciting brand of soccer. The prospect of facing the skillful Euronations seemed an arduous task at best!

From the opening whistle, Goodonya controlled the game passing accurately and linking smoothly as it broke down the court.

G. Thalassinos scored the early goal for Goodonya with a hard, low shot which went to the right of the keeper ultimately spilling through his hands for a goal.

F. Gauchi and T. Frangakis attacked early but their long shots provided little trouble for Goodonya keeper J. Giordano.

Defensively, Goodonya used a diamond zone formation with sweepers Thalassinos and Mahoney combining well with striker Karabathula and full back Tsomos.

Euronations didn't have the same defensive organisation, placing a lot of pressure on their goalkeeper and relying heavily on the creativity of striker Terry Frangakis.

It came as no surprise when Goodonya broke through for two quick goals just before half time. The first started with a steal by Tsomos and relayed to Karabathula who chipped the ball over the head of the keeper into the top of the net and the second, also from Karabathula, went low to the left hand corner of goal.

The half time score of 3-0 was made to look respectable by two second half goals from the boot of T. Frangakis, however a goal from hard working

Tsomos gave Goodonya a well earned and cleverly planned 4-2 victory.

Highlights from other games saw Mada Tosevski in a best-on-field performance for Cosmos in their 4-3 victory over Oz United in the All-age competition. He followed this with a seven goal haul for Junior Cosmos in their 8-3 victory against United Nations.

Ante Pericic scored three goals in Split's 5-2 victory over Mutandies and Velce Kondinski scored three goals in a great performance for Macedonia against Devils.

Macedonia A scored a hard earned 1-1 draw against number one team Macedonia B. Velce Kondinski kicked his team's only goal to equalise the goal, kicked by Atilla Sallantioglu.

Macedonia in the All-age and Junior Cosmos in the Youth are the only teams to gain maximum points from the first two rounds so a close season is anticipated in both age groups.

## BARB BREAKS RECORD

The Wallabies reigned supreme with a 9-0 win over Home Pride Crusaders at the Morwell Indoor Sports Stadium.

The leading scorer was Paul Brabbin, notching four goals. Boo Massaro got three and Nigel Browne and Joe Tanti one a piece.

Their superb team skill has given them the edge over their competitors. They attack and defend with great team work which has established them as worthy league leaders.

Newcomers Trak Records put in a disappointing performance against Gippstars who had a convincing 5-2 win with Andy Dehaas scoring two of their five goals. Anthony Cassar scored both of Trak Records' goals.

In the Womens League, we saw a record set by newcomer Barb Newey. As No.1 striker for the new team Cats, Barb scored a very impressive six goals.

This would be the best single effort in any game since indoor soccer started in Morwell. In one of the high scoring games of the evening, Judy Buhagiar scored all three goals for Femme Fatale.

In the closest game of the evening we saw a great team effort from Miki Motos to secure a 2-1 win over the new Turfites led by Suzanne Cassar.

Men's Results: Spartans 3 Wallies 1, Gippstars 5 Trak Records 2, Wallabies 9 Crusaders 0, Monash 11 Miki Motos 8.

Women's Results: Turfites 2 Rico Reds 4, Miki Motos 2 Turfites 1, Cats 6 Femme Fatale 3.

## Perfect rating for Giacomini

### Eliminators 5 Vasco de Gama 2

ELIMINATORS: Kondinski 9, Giacomini 10, Bisetto 9, Terzini 9, Gennai 8, Boin 9.

VASCO DE GAMA: Sokolovski 5, Stasi 8, Stergiou 7, J. Tanevski 8, V. Tanevski 8.

The game began with a number of shots from Kondinski and Giacomini, but they both failed to score.

The first Eliminator goal came from Gennai who came forward from the centre and planted a hard shot into the right hand corner. Brilliant play by Kondinski to Gennai saw Gennai score his second.

Vasco's attempts at goal were shunned by Terzini who

was playing at his peak. Then Bisetto crossed to Kondinski who overstepped the ball and placed a beautiful shot into the net giving the Eliminators their third goal.

Vasco did not give up but Terzini was in fine form.

The second half saw Eliminators on the hunt for goals through Giacomini, Boin and Kondinski but to no avail. It finally was Vasco's turn when, from a free kick, Albert Stasi took a shot into the top corner giving Terzini no chance. Vasco then scored a second goal which came from Stergiou, making the score 4-2.

Eliminators then put on a great display of ball skill and with a number of well executed one-twos, the ball went to Boin who ended the scoring.

### Furious Five 2 Eliminators 4

FURIOUS FIVE: M. Eideh 9, H. Eideh 10, Galatopoulos 8, Panagoto 8, Stolidis 8, Tenevski 8.

ELIMINATORS: Kondinski 9, Giacomini 8, Bisetto 9, Terzini 9, Gennai 8, Boin 9.

Muzi Eideh started proceedings by having a number of shots at goal but the Five had no luck.

A free kick taken by Giacomini to Bisetto resulted in Eliminators' first goal. Bisetto then tried to score on a number of occasions but Hass Eideh saved every time.

After more failed attempts at goal by Furious Five, Terzini, the Eliminators' goalie, disposed of a quick ball to Bisetto who quickly turned and

took a great shot at goal to make it 2-0.

The second half saw Furious Five score their first goal, through a shot by Panagoto, who did not even give the keeper time to blink. Moments later Kondinski managed a steal and beat the Five keeper.

Shortly after, it was Giacomini's turn to score for the Eliminators with a shot across goal to make the score 4-1.

Muzi Eideh scored for the Five and the game ended 4-2.

Thomastown League results: Wanderers 2 Carcioffi Rangers 9, Eliminators 5 Vasco de Gama 2, Eliminators 4 Furious Five 2, Gladlators 1 Furious Five 7.

Top Scorers: Silvio Sella (CR) 7; Theo Galatopoulos (FF) 4; Maurice Bisetto (E) 3.



• Maurice Terzini



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Andrew Dettre

# Will herrings and Tuborg make way for champagne?

Of its top 24 players likely to be in the World Cup squad, five play at home, in Denmark — and three of these are goalkeepers. Things get even stranger if you recall that the remaining 10, Simonsen and Christensen, have just returned to the footballing world with the Danish national team, and the other 19 Danish players are presently on the staffs of West European professional clubs — spread over nine countries: Belgium, Holland, England, West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France and Portugal. I am sure no other country is ever been so massive a supporter of soccer talent; not even in the 1950s and not even in the past 20 years or so.

The Danish example must surely pose a number of questions. How is it possible to build good national team — and a Danish is a very good idea — with practically all players stationed abroad? What about the age-old cliché of keeping a squad together, preferably in camp before important times? The Danes usually fly in for an international or two days before the match, have perhaps one training session and a team talk — no doubt eat a lot of herrings and Tuborg beer — and then trot out to the field to play some astonishingly good soccer.

How is this possible? Are they all world class players who don't need to practice together? Do they have a deplorable understanding? Or are all past theories about team training wrong and mere humbug?

Anyone who saw, on Channel 28, that superb Danish display against Ireland in Dublin must have been deeply impressed.

Although I hate comparisons, I think it's reasonable to claim that this Danish team comes closest to the 1972-73 period.

Except for one thing, Holland had a Cruyff. It's awfully sad not to have one — as the Danes don't appear to have one — because a Johan Cruyff can lift an excellent team to the level of greatness.

Denmark has more or less, its equivalents of other former Dutch heroes, such as Neeskens, Krol, Aljssbergen, Van Haneberg, Rep and Rensbrink — but certainly lacks a Cruyff.

And that, ultimately, may give them the World Cup.

I don't wish to appear irreverent. Cruyff was one of the greatest players of the past 40 years, certainly in the Di Stefano, Puskas, Schiaffino, Pele, Best and Maradona class.

But I think he was a lousy leader. In fact, he can be partly blamed by the Dutch for blowing two World Cup triumphs.

The first was in 1974 when the Dutch team was, without a doubt, the best in the field; its dazzling performances and wins over Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil made it the hot and rather arrogant favorite for the final.

And there, the great Johan Cruyff left his team down by strolling through most of the game. Of course, Holland lost where it should have won by several goals.

Four years later Cruyff declined to play for Holland in the World Cup, claiming that he would have felt "insecure from terrorists in Argentina".

As it happened, Holland again played some brilliant football — and lacked either a touch of genius or an ounce of luck in the final. Maybe Cruyff would have made that difference.

Now, the Danes don't have such a mega-star in their team, neither Lerby

nor Elkjaer or Laudrup can claim to be in the class of that erratic genius, Cruyff.

And that actually gives Denmark its extra strength.

Although many thousands of words have been written about Denmark's sudden rise to soccer power, I still find it a most amazing phenomenon.

In 1971 I travelled with the St George team to Japan where the Saints took part in an international tournament. One of our opponents was the Danish first division team Frem.

They were staying at the same hotel, the lovely Akasaka Prince and we were constantly amused by the casual, carefree approach of the Danish players and officials to the tournament.

While St George coach Rale Rasic was fussing about every ounce of food in the hotel kitchen, the Danes ate, drank and made merry as the mood struck them.

Now you'd expect a fairy-tale ending, the freewheeling Frem to triumph at the end and all that. But they didn't. The Saints, with undoubtedly the best display I have ever seen from an Australian team — club or national — swept them off the withered turf of Tokyo Olympic Stadium, winning 3-1 and annexing the tournament trophy.

Not for a fleeting moment did it occur to me then that within a decade or so, Danish soccer would be regarded as No. 1 or No. 2 in Europe and one of the old Continent's best bets for the Mundial in Mexico.



● BELGIUM, from left standing: Vandenberg, Vandereycken, Grun, Seifo, Vanderelst, Meunars. Front: Plessers, Renquen, Vordeckers, Vercauteren, Culemans.

# Reputations tarnished over bribes



By PAUL MOON

On first impressions, the 24 World Cup finalists can be quite comfortably placed into three categories — teams that are genuine cup contenders, those likely to be "difficult to beat" and those that make up the numbers and appease the demands of Asia and Africa for representation.

Belgium is in the middle strata and its side today looks similar to that of four years ago, when it beat Argentina impressively on the opening day, then gained just one win from its remaining four games, and this a single goal conquest of little El Salvador.

Jean-Marie Pfaiff, Eric Gerets, Michel Renquin, Frankie Vercauteren, Erwin Vandenberg, Jan Ceulemans and Alex Cerniatynski will, almost certainly, be back with their international reputations enhanced little in the interim. Unfortunately, that excellent linkman Francois van der Elst will not be in Mexico, having broken a leg last year.

That loss though will be compensated for by the presence of Rene Vandereycken, who was robbed of appearances in the last Mundial by injury.

The one potentially significant extra dimension Belgium can offer in 1986 is Enzo Seifo. He has infinite promise, and even though only 20, is capable of taking any game by the scruff of the neck.

On paper, the finals draw has been kind to the "Diables Rouges" and they should squeeze sufficient points off Mexico, Iraq and Paraguay to reach Stage Two.

Possible Squad: JEAN-MARIE PFAIFF (Bayern Munich): Among the best international goalkeepers, he moved to Bayern for \$400,000 in 1981 after gaining all domestic honors whilst at Beveren.

the 1978 Belgian Footballer of the Year award. Won his 50th cap last year.

JACK MUNARON (Anderlecht): A competent, rather than spectacular goalkeeper who has never left Belgium down when injuries and club commitments have deprived him of Pfaiff's services. He has been with Anderlecht for eleven years and won his first cap against USSR in the 1982 World Cup finals.

THEO CUSTERS (KV Mechelen): 36-year-old goalkeeper who is being tipped for a recall to squad after a four year absence. Had a short stint in Spain with Espanol, but made his name with Antwerp.

ERIC GERETS (PSV Eindhoven): Captain of Belgium during the last World Cup finals, but later suspended over his role in the Standard Liege bribery scandal. An aggressive, dynamic right back, he has played for home town club Reken, Standard, AC Milan, M.V.V. Maastricht (Holland) and PSV. The 1982 Belgian Footballer of the Year.

GEORGES GRUN (Anderlecht): Called up for 1984 European Championship Finals as an uncapped defender, he has been a squad regular since. Scored the vital goal against Holland in the qualifying round playoff.

GERARD PLESSERS (SV Hamburg): Equally capable as left back, sweeper or midfielder, he joined Hamburg from Standard Liege in 1984, for \$440,000 after exposure as a prominent figure in the bribery scandal over which a one year suspension was imposed.

MICHEL RENQUIN (Standard Liege): Cultured defender, able to play with distinction as full back or sweeper, he has just returned to his original senior club Standard after stints with Anderlecht and Servette (Switzerland).

HUGO BROOS (Bruges): 34-year-old central defender who won many domestic honors and appeared in three European Cup Winners' Cup finals while with Anderlecht, before joining Bruges in 1983. His international appearances have been sporadic since making his debut in 1974.

FRANKY VAN DER ELST (Bruges): Not to be confused with 1982 World Cup finals squad member Francois van der Elst, he is a 25-year-old defender who made his international debut in the qualifying round campaign. Has been a major feature of Bruges' revival, having joined the club from RWD Molenbeek in 1984, after earlier serving Blau Wit Holland last year.

MICHEL DE WOLF (Gent): Normally plays as sweeper for his club, but left back for Belgium. First came to prominence at RWD Molenbeek.

FRANKIE VERCAUTEREN (Anderlecht): Captain of the team, an important cog in its midfield (despite an almost total reliance on his left foot) and regular scorer of important goals. He joined Anderlecht as a nine year old.

ENZO SCIFO (Anderlecht): Brilliant young (only 20 on February 19) midfielder, general, who was subject of a \$30,000 transfer when joining Anderlecht from La Louverie as a 16-year-old. Born of Sicilian parents, he acquired Belgian citizenship shortly before the 1984 European championship finals. Much is expected of the 1985 Belgian Footballer of the Year.

RENE VANDEREYCKEN (Anderlecht): Stalwart midfielder who played for the Bruges beaten by Liverpool in the 1978 European Champions' Cup final, he joined Genoa three years later and while in Italy suffered a serious injury which ruled him out of the 1982 World Cup finals.

LEO VAN DER ELST (Bruges): Younger brother of Francois van der Elst of Anderlecht, Cosmos and West Ham United fame, he made his senior international debut in 1985 after earlier serving Belgium at youth and under 21 levels. This consistent midfielder's previous clubs were VC Eendracht Mezele, HO Merchtem and Antwerp.

JAN CEULEMANS (Bruges): Gained fame early in his career as a tall, blond, scintillating forward, but now operates deeper — creating goals rather than scoring them from midfield. A Belgian record \$500,000 transfer fee took him to Bruges from home town club Lierse in 1978 and two years later some outstanding performances earned him the Belgian Footballer of the Year award — a trophy he reclaimed in 1984.

MARC DE GRIJSE (Bruges): Pacy young forward who was unlucky to miss selection for 1984 European Championship Finals squad when only 19, but won first cap against Argentina soon afterwards.

FILIP DESMET (Waregem): An outstanding feature of Waregem's VEGA Cup run, this 27-year-old was given an international baptism of fire when chosen to play against Holland in the decisive qualifying round playoff.

ERWIN VANDENBERGH (Anderlecht): A prolific scorer in domestic soccer (the leading goal getter for four successive seasons from 1979), but has often disappointed when representing Belgium. He was 20 when leaving village club Ramsel for Lierse in 1979. Two years later won Belgian Footballer of the Year award, before joining Anderlecht and helping it win the VEGA Cup of 1982. Overall, had an undistinguished 1982 World Cup finals despite scoring the tournament's opening goal against Argentina.

NICO CLAUSEN (Standard Liege): Striker who made his international debut at 20 during the 1983 season when he was the Belgian League's leading scorer with 27 goals. Originally with Seraing, his \$600,000 transfer to VfB Stuttgart saved the Liege club from bankruptcy, but failure to settle in West Germany resulted in his move to Standard last year, when VfB recouped its entire original outlay.

DANNY VEYT (Waregem): 29-year-old forward, who made his international debut in first leg of the qualifying round play-off with Holland last year.

ALEX CERNIATYNSKI (Standard Liege): Now 25, he has failed to live up to expectations after bursting on the scene as a devastating winger since leaving his detractors insist, to a playboy lifestyle.

EDDY VOORDECKERS (Rennes): Forward who was a teenage sensation, when making his international debut while still at Second Division club Diest, he joined Standard Liege soon afterwards and suffered a series of injuries. Resurrected his career with Waterschei, after signing in 1983, appearing in the European Championship finals the following year. Joined French side Rennes at the start of the 1985-86 season.

GUY THYS (Coach): The son of Yvan Thys, who won half a dozen Belgian caps in the 1920s, he served Beerschot, Standard Liege and Cercle Bruges as an enthusiastic forward. Coaching took him to Antwerp, Lokeren, Beveren, Herentals, Wezel, Cercle Bruges and Union St. Gilloise, before taking over the helm of the national side in 1977. A prolific cigar smoker.



# Scifo: 432 goals in four seasons!

Belgians and Italians will be equally interested in the performances of Vincenzo Scifo, European soccer's latest "wonderboy", this June, for both his parents are natives of Sicily and he could, so very easily, have been representing Azurri in Mexico, rather than Belgium.

His father, Agostini, left the impoverished town of Argentina 29 years ago to obtain work in the Belgian coalfields.

There, he found life more comfortable, but a coalminer's lot never has been easy and it was still a struggle to raise a family of three — the product of his marriage to Alfonsina, who too had fled Sicily's meagreness.

The youngest member of the family, Vincenzo, began to display a rare talent for soccer immediately upon joining the local La Louverie club as a seven year old.

The talent flourished, fuelled by the realization that exceptional prowess on the football paddock could divert him from following his father down the mines.

In four seasons, Scifo scored a staggering 432 goals with La Louverie's junior teams.

Such statistics were sure to arouse interest among the bigger clubs of Belgium's biggest football league, sent its representative, Jeff Jurion, to look at the teenage sensation.

Jurion, captain of both Anderlecht and Belgium in the early 1980s, whose reputation later was tarnished by involvement in bribery scandals, could recognise raw genius when he saw it and advised his employers that Scifo was such.

They almost missed the boat. Brilliant performances during an international youth tournament in West Berlin alerted several major European clubs.

Anderlecht had the inside running though and made the most of its advantage. \$30,000 secured the 16 year old's release from La Louverie.

He was nurtured carefully. His senior debut came when Anderlecht participated in a minor Italian tournament. This was followed by brief exposures as substitute in the Belgian First Division and the first round of the VEGA Cup, against Norwegian minor Bryne.

In December '84, 1983 saw Scifo's name first appear in Anderlecht's



● Enzo Scifo — Belgian superstar of Sicilian descent.

resources.

Anderlecht's VEGA Cup campaign of 1983-84 projected Scifo to the status of an international class player, as sensational performances by the young midfielder general against Spartak Moscow and Nottingham Forest, both covered extensively by television throughout Europe, made him a subject of admiration the length and breadth of the continent.

In Italy, Scifo became the topic of a renewed, intensified press campaign to secure him a local club.

Although Internazionale Milan publicly proclaimed its interest, ultimately no leading Italian club was willing to risk a substantial sum of money on a relatively inexperienced 18 year old, while the lesser lights could not raise the transfer fee Anderlecht would require.

Initial belief that, because of his background, Italy's forthcoming restrictions on foreign players would not apply to him, when he had proven himself worth of a place in one of Calcio's top outfits, were proven false.

Close scrutiny of the ruling revealed that it prohibited Italian clubs from signing players "under the jurisdiction of another federation". Even if Paulo Rossi has been attached to a club abroad, he would be classified as a "foreigner" should an Italian league club wish to bring him home!

Anderlecht began pressing for Scifo's signature on a new, vastly improved, contract. A provision of the document required him to take out Belgian citizenship.

Technically he was stateless, as Belgium does not automatically present citizenship to sons of migrants born in the country, nor Italy to those born of Italians outside its borders.

Scifo was very doubtful about becoming a Belgian. His aspirations to play in Italy and having suffered from the prejudice some Belgians display toward the Italian community, he was reluctant to adopt Belgium as his home country.

Yet, Enrico Bearzi showed no interest in drafting him for Azurri and the likelihood of an Italian club obtaining his services in the foreseeable future remained remote. The "Diables rouges" then, offered the one chance of international football.

Belgium particularly was anxious to secure Scifo for the upcoming European Championship finals and this it duly did. He signed both a new contract with Anderlecht and an application for citizenship on the same day.

The midfielder actually donned a Belgian jersey two days before officially gaining citizenship, but was bona fide by the time the championship finals commenced.

In France, Scifo produced a mixed bag — a brilliant against Yugoslavia, but totally anonymous against France and mediocre against Denmark.

However, the finals provided the 18 year old with valuable experience and his subsequent form for both Belgium and Anderlecht has been of such a high quality that he now is talked of as the "new Gianni Rivera" — a further irony for the player Italy allowed to slip through his fingers.

The 1985 Belgian Footballer of the Year award was won in a landslide and now he is preparing for his best opportunity to date to show his prowess to the rest of the world.

Despite a commitment to Belgium, there can be little doubt that Scifo still harbors an ambition to appear in the Italian league. Last year he was quoted as saying: "My dearest wish is to play for Juventus or Internazionale Milan. My father would be proud of me and it would help develop my game. Anderlecht wins almost every match in Belgium. It is too easy here."

Should restrictions on foreign players joining Italian clubs be eased after the Mundial, as they may, Scifo must be a prime target for them and Anderlecht, which is reputed to owe over \$1 million in tax, certainly will be tempted by a realistic bid.

The possibility of the first generation Belgian wearing the striped jersey of Inter or Juve is very real then, but the realisation he can never don the blue of Italy may yet be a source of consternation to many Italians.

How they got there

v. Albania 3-1 (home), 0-2 (away); v. Greece 0-0 (away), 2-0 (home); v. Poland 2-0 (home), 0-0 (away). Play-off: v. Holland 1-0 (home), 1-2 (away) — aggregate 2-2, Belgium qualified on away-goal rule.



# Non facciamo scherzi con Zinni!

Il prossimo week-end, con l'inizio dei campionati statali e il primo turno della "Coppa Nanda", la stagione calcistica 1986 entra finalmente nel vivo.

A Melbourne sabato sera vedremo in azione la Juventus campione d'Australia contro il Croatia vincitore della coppa notturna e della finale interstatale contro la consorella di Sydney.

La squadra croata è già in forma smagliante e l'allenatore Bleiberg ha l'imbarazzo della scelta potendo disporre di una larga rosa di titolari traboccante di classe; la situazione in casa bianconera non è altrettanto brillante e McKendry non sembra aver ancora finalizzato il suo undici tipico anche perché alcuni giocatori si stanno appena riprendendo da infortuni.

La difesa bianconera, con l'arrivo di Zendeno ed il rientro di Banovic fra i pali, ha subito un inaspettato salto di qualità rispetto all'anno scorso e si presenta perciò come un assieme ermetico capace di accorrenza di iniziare costruttivamente le puntate in avanti.

Il centrocampista, partito il "duro" Miranda, proporrà Dowie in appoggio al classico Petersen e al motorino Wade; per la quarta posizione la scelta più ovvia appare Cullen, considerando che McKendry sembra intenzionato ad usare Incantalupo in attacco assieme a Sweeney. Non c'è da escludere però che il tecnico bianconero possa anche tentare la carta Paton.

A questo punto c'è lecito domandarsi: "E Zinni dove giocherà?" Purtroppo per ora è impossibile avere una risposta. Il giocatore nelle ultime settimane ha dovuto prendere le cose in sordina a causa di un infortunio subito all'inizio della coppa notturna; forse anche per questo McKendry pare lo abbia lasciato alquanto in disparte, causandone un certo malcontento che ha subito attirato offerte da altri club come api sul miele.

Può anche darsi che Zinni veramente non rientri nei



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plani di McKendry, e questo è comprensibile poiché tutti gli allenatori hanno le loro legittime preferenze. È assurdo però che un club italiano permetta che un allenatore si disfaccia impunemente di quei pochi giocatori italiani in forze alla squadra, specialmente di quelli che hanno già dimostrato ampiamente di avere tutti i numeri per militare più che decosamente nel massimo campionato. Zinni ha delle doti tecniche ed agonistiche superiori alla media, ha appena compiuto 21 anni, ha un particolare attaccamento al club ed è perciò uno dei giocatori su cui la Juventus dovrebbe contare per molti anni futuri (per molto più a lungo di quanto si possa contare su qualsiasi allenatore).

Ci auguriamo perciò che nei prossimi giorni il suo caso venga felicemente risolto nel solo modo possibile: dopo quattro anni nelle file della Juventus, durante i quali Zinni ha potuto rendere ad alto livello solo a sprazzi, venga finalmente messo a disposizione di una squadra che merita completa fiducia nel ruolo in cui può dare il suo meglio.

Purtroppo l'incontro con il Croatia, anticipato al sabato sera dopo essere stato annunciato per domenica, coinciderà con il grande ballo di apertura di stagione in programma appunto per questo sabato al Regent Hotel. Coloro che sceglieranno il ballo in preferenza alla partita e non avessero ancora i biglietti possono cercare di procurarsi mettendosi in contatto con i membri del comitato oppure telefonando alla signora Maria Carmignani (419.8455 ufficio).

L'incontro con il Croatia appare perciò molto interessante per la Juventus: una cosa è certa, l'attacco dei rossì si troverà opposto alla migliore difesa del torneo e difficilmente riuscirà a trovare uno spiraglio utile. Il resto dipenderà da come McKendry schiererà la sua prima linea.

La domenica successiva, giorno di Pasqua, altra grossa

sforza per i bianconeri che si troveranno di fronte il South Melbourne Hellas per la prima di campionato all'Olympic Park.

Anche se vi sono ancora delle incertezze e delle perplessità, la reputazione e le qualifiche di McKendry non rischiano uno scivolone sulla "buccia di banana" che potrebbe essere rappresentata dal "caso Zinni".

Delle altre squadre italiane militanti in Lega Nazionale, la Juventus di Adelaide e l'Inger Monaro hanno compiuto un ottimo rodaggio nelle rispettive coppe notturne. I bianconeri hanno conquistato la coppa in S. Australia battendo in finale il Beograd, mentre la squadra di Maccaroni ha raggiunto la finale in N.S.W. cedendo per il minimo scarto al Croatia.

L'APIA, sotto la guida del nuovo allenatore Rale Rasic, sembra intenzionato a rinfrancarsi ed a far dimenticare il campionato 1985 in cui rischiò addirittura la retrocessione. Poche novità? Al Marconi che punterà ancora sulla squadra che finì "casi" bene l'anno scorso e che ha tutti gli elementi per fare ancora meglio quest'anno. Il Brisbane club sembra apprestarsi a quello che sarà il suo ultimo campionato in Lega Nazionale poiché il sistema di selezione delle 14 elite per il prossimo anno non gli lascia altra alternativa.

La Lega statale del Victoria quest'anno presenta tre agguerrite squadre italiane. Oltre al Morwell Falcons che ancora una volta parte come una delle favorite, anche il Fawkner e il Thomastown sembrano avere tutte le qualità per fare da protagonisti.

Gli azzurri di Prices Road in modo particolare sembrano sprizzare tanta salute. Innanzitutto sembra sicuro che la squadra quest'anno non avrà il ripetersi delle crisi tecniche

edeli cambiamenti di allenatori che la misero in gonocchio l'anno scorso, il timone quest'anno è saldamente nelle mani di Peter Boyle che riesce la massima fiducia di dirigenti, giocatori e tifosi.

La rosa della squadra può contare sul nuovo acquisto del portiere Wilson (ex nazionale neozelandese), sul recupero di cozzella e sul ritorno di Ian Tuffield che ha firmato il contratto che lo lega al club, nonostante diverse offerte da parte di società di lega nazionale. Oltre ai provati Fattore, Fabio Angele, Quigley ed altri, il Fawkner può contare su una vera e propria nicchia di giovanissimi dal grande talento, come i vari Jolevski, Bordi, non, Sabatino, Schipano, Di Cocco, ecc.

Anche il comitato presieduto da Carlo Graffeo potrà avvalersi della preziosa esperienza fatta l'anno scorso quando i quadri direttivi furono quasi completamente rinnovati. Per concludere, una squadra rinforzata, la maturazione di diversi giovani del vivaio, la direzione tecnica di un ottimo allenatore e la maggiore esperienza del comitato sono le migliori garanzie di un anno pieno di soddisfazioni per gli Azzurri di Fawkner.

Grosse novità anche al Thomastown che ha compiuto il classico "colpo grosso" assicurandosi George McMillan dal Preston nella doppia veste di allenatore e giocatore. Pur se esordiente come tecnico, McMillan rappresenta sicurezza, esperienza e agnomo e sicuramente sarà di ispirazione per tutti i giocatori in maglia rossonera. I nuovi acquisti del Thomastown sono gli esperti Simi Rainey e Kerr (ex Lega Nazionale) ed i giovanissimi Evans, Hackett e Ihann. Anche la squadra di partite Reserve può contare su diversi giovani promettenti cresciuti nelle sue squadre giovanili.

amministrativamente il Thomastown è solido come una roccia sotto la presidenza del veterano Nick Jacobucci.

# Macedonian stars to join Rockdale Ilinden

Zlatko Torkeski, 31 year old midfielder of Vardar Skopje, is to join Rockdale Ilinden in the NSW State League.

According to Ilinden's hard working secretary, Simon Sbrinovski, contracts have been signed, the player has been given a visa and soon will fly in to Sydney.

Torkeski, an attacking midfielder, played alongside Zarko Odzakovic at Vardar and toured Australia in 1979. Hard shooting Torkeski had been negotiating with Preston Macedonia but decided to join Ilinden.

Also on the way is Riste Nastevski of

Second Division club Pelister. A free kick specialist, Nastevski is expected to boost Ilinden's fire power.

Sasha Spirovski, a 19 year old from Pobeda Prilep will be Ilinden's first import. He is a striker with a fierce shot in either foot and is certain to cause defenders some anxious moments in 1986. He has relatives in Australia.

— ALEX VESIC

# OVERSEAS RESULTS

HOLLAND											
First Division	Excelsior	0	Alkmaar	1	Twente	0	Eschschod	0	Rotterdam	3	
	NEC Nijmegen	0	GA Eagles	Deventer	1	Feyenoord	Rotterdam	3	Groningen	3	
	Fortuna	1	Sparta Rotterdam	0	Heracles	Almere	2	WVV	Wassrecht	4	
	Sparta Rotterdam	3	PSV Eindhoven	1	Ajax Amsterdam	1	Roda JC	Katwijk	2	Utrecht	3
	Utrecht	3	VVV Venlo	3	Den Bosch	1					
WEST GERMANY											
First Division	Fortuna	0	Duiseldorf	0	Stuttgart	1	Bayern Munich	0	Waldhof Mannheim	0	
	Eintracht Frankfurt	0	Werder Bremen	2	Bayer Uerdingen	2	Borussia Dortmund	0	Karlsruhe	0	
	Eintracht Frankfurt	0	Werder Bremen	2	Bayer Uerdingen	2	Borussia Dortmund	0	Karlsruhe	0	
	Eintracht Frankfurt	0	Werder Bremen	2	Bayer Uerdingen	2	Borussia Dortmund	0	Karlsruhe	0	
	Eintracht Frankfurt	0	Werder Bremen	2	Bayer Uerdingen	2	Borussia Dortmund	0	Karlsruhe	0	
ITALY											
First Division	Atalanta	0	Bari	0	Frosinone	0	Verona	0	Lecco	0	
	Sampdoria	1	Milan	2	Udinese	0	Napoli	1	Internazionale	0	
	Internazionale	0	Roma	3	Juventus	0	Torino	1	Avellino	0	
	Torino	1	Avellino	0							
TURKEY											
First Division	Besiktas	3	Altay	3	Eskişehir	3	Fenerbahçe	1	Ankara	0	
	Samsunspor	0	Zonguldakspor	0	Denizlispor	0	Trabzonspor	0	Kayserispor	2	
	Trabzonspor	0	Kayserispor	2							
PORTUGAL											
First Division	Famalicão	2	Pena	1	Porto	1	Boavista	1	Marítimo	0	
	Sporting	0	Benfica	4	Chaves	0	Setúbal	1	Salgueiros	1	
	Salgueiros	1	Benfica	4	Chaves	0	Setúbal	1	Salgueiros	1	
	Benfica	4	Chaves	0	Setúbal	1	Salgueiros	1			
	Chaves	0	Setúbal	1	Salgueiros	1					
BELGIUM											
First Division	Lierse	1	Standard	0	Liege	1	Beerschot	0	Antwerp	0	
	Antwerp	0	Charleroi	2	Mechelen	0	Anderslecht	3	Waregem	1	
	Waregem	1	Club Brugge	5	Lokeren	0	Uile	0	Waterschei	0	
	Waterschei	0	Club Brugge	5	Lokeren	0	Uile	0	Waterschei	0	
	Club Brugge	5	Lokeren	0	Uile	0	Waterschei	0			
SPAIN											
First Division	Las Palmas	1	Real	0	Atletico	0	Real Madrid	2	Osasuna	2	
	Real Madrid	2	Osasuna	2	Atletico	0	Real Madrid	2	Osasuna	2	
	Osasuna	2	Atletico	0	Real Madrid	2	Osasuna	2			
	Atletico	0	Real Madrid	2	Osasuna	2					
	Real Madrid	2	Osasuna	2							
GREECE											
First Division	PAOK	2	Panathinaikos	1	Athens	1	AEK	1	Veria	1	
	Athens	1	AEK	1	Veria	1					
	AEK	1	Veria	1							
	Veria	1									
SWITZERLAND											
First Division	Basel	3	Grenchen	0	La	0	Chaux-de-Fonds	3	Vevey	1	
	Vevey	1	La Chaux-de-Fonds	3	Vevey	1					
	La Chaux-de-Fonds	3	Vevey	1							
	Vevey	1									
BULGARIA											
First Division	Lokomotiv	0	Plovdiv	1	Borac	0	Vitoshka	1	Trakia	0	
	Trakia	0	Plovdiv	1	Borac	0	Vitoshka	1	Trakia	0	
	Plovdiv	1	Borac	0	Vitoshka	1	Trakia	0			
	Borac	0	Vitoshka	1	Trakia	0					
	Vitoshka	1	Trakia	0							
CZECHOSLOVAKIA											
First Division	Sparta Prague	1	Dukla	0	Slavia	0	Bohemians	0			
	Bohemians	0	Prague	1	Dukla	0	Slavia	0	Bohemians	0	
	Prague	1	Dukla	0	Slavia	0	Bohemians	0			
	Dukla	0	Slavia	0	Bohemians	0					
	Slavia	0	Bohemians	0							
SCOTLAND											
First Division	Partick	0	Greenock	0	Stirling	0	Albion	0	Queen's	0	
	Queen's	0	Albion	0	Stirling	0	Albion	0	Queen's	0	
	Albion	0	Stirling	0	Albion	0	Queen's	0			
	Stirling	0	Albion	0	Queen's	0					
	Queen's	0									
ENGLISH DIVISION ONE											
First Division	Manchester	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	
	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	
	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO											
First Division	Reading	0	Wigan	0	Derby	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	
	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	
	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE											
First Division	Reading	0	Wigan	0	Derby	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	
	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	
	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR											
First Division	Reading	0	Wigan	0	Derby	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	
	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	Sheff Wed	0	Sheff Utd	0	
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ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΑΘΛΗΤΑ ΤΗΣ ΒΙΚΤΟΡΙΑΣ

ΑΝΟΙΞΕΙ η αθλία του πρωταθλήματος Βικτωρίας το Σάββατο και την Κυριακή. Στο Στέιτ Λιγκ ο Κονσέρβ στο γηπεδό του υποδέχεται το Αρόντον Λίτ το Σάββατο, ενώ την Κυριακή ο Πανελλήνιος γηπεδόχορ παίζει με το Ρίνγκουντ.

Έλτος το νεοφύτιστο Κασφλντ την Κυριακή με ταυτό παίζει στο πόροουελ για να αντιμετωπίσει την τοπική ομάδα Χάμινος.

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Ν.Σ.Α.Σ. - Κόρτο

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Μέλοπας - Σοτ Μπράντγουϊκ

ΠΡΟΒΛΗΜΑΤΑ ΑΝΤΥ

Α' κατηγορία

Αντράχ - Μάβερν Σίτ

Κατηγορία

Αντράχ - Σάουθ Γιάραβιλ

Α' κατηγορία

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Η 25η ΑΠΟΛΟΓΙΣΤΙΚΗ ΣΤΗΝ ΕΛΛΑΔΑ

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ΟΗ - ΣΕΡΡΕΣ (Α' Γύρος 1-1)

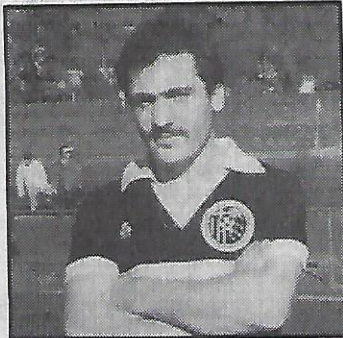
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ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟΣ - ΑΡΗΣ (Α' Γύρος 1-0 υπέρ του Ολυμπιακού)

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ΝΟΣ ΣΙΤΥ - ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ 3-1

ΕΚΛΕΣ η Κλαρίντα 3-1 από το Νόρ Σίτ και αποκλείστηκε από το Νότκερτυ Καπ.

Το μοναδικό τέρμα πέτυχε ο Πετράκος που ήταν και από τους καλύτερους παίκτες του αγώνα.

Η ερυθρόλευκη ομάδα έπαιξε με τους Ιαμακίδη, Φερνάνδης, Κων/νου, Ιακωβίδη, Κοντεσι, Α. Γκαζέζου, Β. Γκαζέζου, Πετράκο, Κουτσικό (Χαραλάμους) Ουρνίρη και Νίσινα.

Η ΑΙΣΤΑ ΤΩΝ ΜΕΤΑΓΡΑΦΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΤΑ

Γιάυνης Γαβριηλίδης και Αντρέας Θεοχάρους μπήκαν στη λίστα των μεταγραφών από τον Αλξάνδρ.

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ΠΑΝΕΛΛΗΝΙΟΣ - ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΑ 6-0

Για το Νότκερτυ Καπ ο Πανελλήνιος άντερος κέρδισε την Δόξα 6-0 που άντεξε μόνο ένα ήμιχρονο.

Στο 33' ο Σουμελίδης πέτυχε τέρμα εις 34-ρος της ομάδας του που όμως κράτησε στο υπόλοιπο διάστημα πολύ καλά απέναντι στην ομάδα του Στέιτ Λιγκ.

Στο 3' μέρος και αφού για λίγο οι παίκτες της Δόξας προσπάθησαν να ισοφαρίσουν, στο 63' δέχθηκαν δεύτερο τέρμα από τον Σουλμαν που στο 39' είχε πάρει κίτρινη κάρτα από τον διαιτητή.

Ο Τάκ για την ομάδα του Τζιμ Κουβίλντ έκαμε το 3-0 στο 69' και στο 78' ο πολύ καλός τερματοφύλακας της Δόξας Νίκος Αποστολίδης απέκρουσε πέναλτυ του Νικίνας.

Μετά δύο λεπτά ο Χαγκίνης έκανε το 4-0 για να πετύχει το 5-0 στο 81' Σουλμαν και να κλείσει το σκορ πάλι ο Χαγκίνης στο 90' κάνοντας το 6-0.

Πανελλήνιος: Σίρις, Νήφης, Χάμπελ, Ντιμάρσκι, Σπολίζο, Σουλμαν, Φέρμερ, Κανκάντης, Τάκ, Στένσον, Χαγκίνης.

Δόξα Γιάραβιλ: Αποστολίδης, Σπολκίδης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Τασουμίνος, Φ. Δημητρίου, Δ. Δημητρίου, Μελέτης, Σουμελίδης, Γούλιος, Χρ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Κίτσας.

ΚΑΛΦΟΡΝΤ - ΚΑΛΗ 4-1

Έχασε το Ώνλ 4-1 από το Κάλφλντ για το Νότκερτυ Καπ.

Αν ο τερματοφύλακας του Ώνλ Παλίδης ήταν πιά θετικός και χωρίς νεύρα, ίσως το αποτέλεσμα να μην είχε φτάσει στα τέσσερα γκολ.

Όμως στο 5' ο Παλίδης έκανε πέναλτυ χωρίς να χρειάζεται στον Άμπραχαμ και ο Χαγκίνης έστιαζε το 1-0 εύκολα.

Στο 39' ο Βάγιας κέρδισε την μπάλα από τον Παλίδη και πέτυχε γκολ κάνοντας το 2-0. Στη φάση αυτή ο Παλίδης διαμαρτυρήθηκε στον ρεφερέ και είδε κόκκινη κάρτα.

Στη συνέχεια ήταν πιά εύκολα για το Κάλφλντ που κέρδισε δύο ακόμη πέναλτυ με τόν... Άμπραχαμ και τα δύο έκανε σε τέμματα ο Χαγκίνης.

Το σκόρ έδειξε σε 4-1 ο Βάγιας στο 87' της συνάντησης.

Καλύτερος παίκτης του Κάλφλντ ήταν ο Άμπραχαμ.

ΚΑΛΗ ΝΑΥΤΙΑ: Άλφεινδρόπουλος, Μικελίδης, Τσιτσίδης, Τσοκός, Κούτος, Αμνταλίδης, Φιλίππου, Σουλμίνης, Άμπραχαμ, Τοπαλίδης (35' Χαμακίδη) Λάγας.

ΚΑΛΗ: Παλίδης, Αλξέας, Βαρτάκης, Στοιγάννου, Τσιτσίδης, Νίκος, Κιόσις, Κοντοκότας, (46' Παλίδης) Στέφν, Παπάρας, Στεργίου.

Κίτρινες κάρτες πήραν ο Στιβ Στάνσον, Άμπραχαμ, Στοιγάννου, Παλίδης.

ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΕΛΛΑΔΑΣ

ΣΤΙΝΑ δύο αγώνες για την προημιτελική φάση του Κυπέλλου Ελλάδας.

Η ΔΕ ΕΒΕΛΕ στην Αθήνα ο Βίκος την Παναχική και ο Άρης στην Κρήτη πήρε 1-1 από τον ΟΗ.

Σήμερα θα παίξουν ο Παναθηναϊκός με τον Εργοτέλη και στις 2/4 6 θενικός με τον Λυκαβιακός.

Οι δεύτεροι αγώνες της προημιτελικής φάσης θα γίνουν στις 9 Απριλίου 1986.

ΠΑΛΕΣΤΡΝ ΣΙΤΥ

ΣΤΕΛΕΧΕΣΜΟ έτος το Μάβερν Σίτ με αρκετούς νέους παίκτες φανερό είναι ότι θα έχει σαν στόχο το τίτλο στην Α' κατηγορία του Προβλίου Λιγκ.

ΣΑΟΥΘ ΣΠΡΙΝΚΒΑΙΝ

ΚΑΘΕ Δευτέρα και Πέμπτη προπονείται το Ώνλ Σπρινκβαϊν.

Καίτες, προπονητής (Χαρίστος Πισαρίδης) και παράγοντες πιστεύουν ότι καί έτος θα έχουν μία καλή χρονιά.

ΚΑΛΦΟΡΝΤ ΣΙΤΥ

ΕΚΔΟΧΗ διοργανώνει το Κάλφλντ στο Νόρ-γουελ με την ελπίδα που παίζει με το έλ λινος για το πρωτάθλημα. Πληροφορίες από Γ. Τασουλίδη στο 570 2151.

ΓΚΑΡΝΤΕΙ ΣΙΤΥ

ΑΛΛΑΞΕ εμφάνιση το Γκάρντεν Σίτ και από τη νέα σελίδα θα φορέει τα ελληνικά χρώματα. Μπλε και Άσπρο.

Mark Maric, Zoran Milic, Tom White. Jos su igrali Marko Cvetkovic i Petar Grmusa.

Najbolji igrači: Petar Grmusa, Marino Oblak i Mike Burlak.

DOCKERTY KUP

Najveće iznenađenje us sesnaestini finala Dockerty Kupa Svakako je pobjeda Nunawading City-a nad St Albans DINAMOM sa 3:1.

U Dockerty Kupa ipso je i Altona Gate VARDAR, ali tek na jedanaesterce protiv novog ligasa Melbourne-a. U regularnom vremenu utakmica se završila nerešeno 2:2 (1:0). Produžetka nije donela promenu rezultata pase pristupilo izvođenju jedanaesterca.

Igraliste je potecalo na livadu. Pravo je čudo da savez upotrebljava svoje igraliste u Fawknur, iako ima mnogo lepših i blizih mesta za ovako vazne susrete.

Altona Gate je povelja sa 1:0 u 28. minutu posle kornera koji je izveo Mendo Ristovski. Najviše je skocio u buketu oko penala David Beattie i zahvatio glavom. Lopka je dosla do Tim Bikickog, koji je takode glavom sproveo u mrežu.

Mendo Ristovski je u punom trku pronasao Davida Beattie samog pred protivnim golom u 51. minutu. Krupni centar Beattie je iz dva pokušaja uspeo da povelja na 2:0.

Iz preostrog dosudjenog jedanaesterca u 67. minutu Melbourne je smanjio na 2:1.

Četiri minuta kasnije najbolji igrač ove utakmice Zlatko Veljanovski zaboravio je svoju ulogu čuvara najopasnijeg igrača gostiju. Neometan Tony Heery, koji je već postigao gol iz penala, iako je po drugi put savladao nemogućnog Barbakosa, koji je istrcavajen pokušao bez uspeha da spase svoju mrežu.

U izvođenju jedanaesterca Melbourne je iskoristio četiri udarca sa bele tacke, pet nije bilo potreban, jer su strelci Altona Gate dva puta bili neuspelni. Golman Melbourne odbranio je udarac Chris Televskog, dok je Mendo Ristovski, kao pravlju, pogodio stativu sa bele tacke. Uspešno su izveli jedanaesterac John Serovski, David Beattie i Tim Bikicki.

Sastav Altona Gate: Con Barbakos, Zlatko Veljanovski, Jimmy Dervovski, John Serovski, Chris Televski, Gus Figueroa (Bill Romanovski) Mendo Ristovski, Jimmy Kebakovski (Dragi Mitrevski od 91. minuta), David Beattie, Tim Bikicki, Goran Georgievski.

## NOVA TITULA ZA MELBURN

Pred Skoro 10.000 gledalaca na Olymptic Parku u Melbourne domaca Croatia je neocikivano ali zasluoen pobedila posestrinu iz Sidneja sa 3:1 (2:1), sto je po sansama skroman rezultat.

Samp prvih 15 minuta gosti su uspeali svojom igrom da opravdaju visoku reputaciju, koju uživaju u australijanskom fudbalu. Posle toga bili su obična ekipa kakvih u Melbourne imamo nekoliko. Jedan dokaz vise da Sydney uživa neopravno mnoge privilegije na stetu drugih gradova, Melbourne najviše.

Veliku pobedu domaca Croatia je ostvarila zahvaljujući sijajnoj igri Todorica, Deankovica i Viskile, koji su za kopije odakali od svih ostalih na terenu.

Ođakov, Kovacic i Jurin samo sa na trenutke poseali na velike igrice.

Sasvim Opravdano publika je bila uzdrzana i korektna, ako se izostave transparenti koji nemaju veze sa sportom.

## VELIKA IGRA U FOOTSCRAY-U

J.U.S.T. i Hellas su iskoristili poslednju slobodnu subotu da odigraju prijateljsku utakmicu. Steta sto su je ugovorili u zadnjem trenutku, jer su mnogi navijači i ljubitelji fudbala bili neobavesteni. Navijači Hellasa su potpuno otkazali, iako su bili bolje obavesteni od J.U.S.T.-ovih, sto nije prvi put.

Pred oko 1.000 gledalaca susret se završio nerešeno 0:0. Bez obzira sto nije bilo golova, susret je bio uzbuđju svih 90 minuta. "Plavi" su nadigrali protivnika, jedino nisu mogli da probiju bedem protivnika, kome je pomogao sportska sreća, ali i umor "plavih" pucaca.

Nepunih 20 sati ranije J.U.S.T. je odigrao još jednu prijateljsku utakmicu, koja je iscrpela igrice, iako je protivnik bio iz nižeg razreda.

U petak uvece kombinovani sastav J.U.S.T.-a pobedio je Central City Crevnu zvezdu sa 7:1 (2:0). Prvih 20 minuta Zvezda je uspevala da sacuva mrežu netaknutu, cak je nekoliko puta ogrozila ozbiljno "plavi" gol, koji je cuvalo Zoran Nikitovic. Sto je vreme brece prolazilo, to su vise dolazili do izražaja iskustvo i kondicija J.U.S.T.-ovih igrice, koji su nanizali sedam golova, a bilo bi vise da Nikola Popovic nije branio bravrozno.

Strelci za J.U.S.T.: Vlada Stosic 2, Bill Lazopoulos 2.

## JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

Ossie Latif, Zdravko Lujic i Dany Obradovic. Zvezda je spustila celi iz penala pred kraj utakmice.

U subotu po podne protiv Hellasa "plavi" su igrali u sledecem sastavu: Zoran Vlainic, Ljube Petrovski, Vojislav Vukcevic, Vlado Bozintovski, Toma Karlic, Vlatko Belic, Vlada Stosic, Ernie Tappi, Bill Lazopoulos, Ossie Latif, Zdravko Lujic (Goran Nedelkovic od 85. minuta).

Otkazana je predigra juniora ispod 15 godina iz medju JUST-a i Essendon City TGristine. Gosti se nisu pojavili iako su sami trazili odigravanje ove utakmice.

Na sreću bio je otvoren novi JUST-ov restoran, pa je publika imala gde da se zabavi do pocetka glavne utakmice. Pored Svetinij ovog puta smo jeli i cevapice "Bitola" Butchers iz Thomasowna, ciji je vlasnik John Petrevski. U petak uvece restoran je snabdeo Kifle snabdeva Dusan Crncevic iz svoje pekarne u Footscray-u, preko puta glavne poste. Restoran je postao glavni izvor JUST-ovih prihoda dok traju pripreme za novu sezonu, koja je na pragu.

Protiv Hellasa "plavi" su imali vise od igre u oba poluvremena, narocito prvih deset minuta kada su izveli dve fantasticne akcije. Na nesrecu oba puta lopka je završila u rukama vec matiranog golmana.

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Ossie Latif je najduze nosio tragove sinocne utakmice. Nije bio eksplozivian i ubojit kao obično. Dve najbolje sance imao je Bill Lazopoulos. Sav pomogao da pogodi mrežu sa dva metra. Ipak, pripretno se trudio i igrao bolje nego na mnogim utakmicama

ove godine. Jedan perfektan centarsut Oscara Latifa sa leve strane, Lazopoulos je sjajno zahvatio glavom, ali lopka je probuhala pored suprotne stativie dok je golman nemocno gledao.

Steta sto Zdravko Lujic nije iz voleja u okretu sa pet metara postigao gol. Golman se pravim cudom nasao na pravom mestu.

Mladi Zoran Vlainic sa uspehom je zamenio Zorana Nikitovica, ali nije imao ni priblizno posta kao njegov kolega na suprotnoj strani.

Navijači JUST-a sa nestrpljenjem ocekuju prvi nastup "plavih" u NANTA Australia Kupu, koji pocinje u nedelju 23. marta.

JUST igra protiv George Crossa u 2 po podne na Middle Parku. Igraju utakmicu, koja pocinje u 4 po podne. Igraju South Melbourne Hellas i Juventus iz Tasmanije. Posto se igra za Kup mora se dobiti pobednik u svakoj utakmici. Znaci, ako rezultat bude neresen, igra se produžetka, ako treba izvoditi jedanaesterci.

U subotu 22. marta takode se igra dupli program za Nanda kup na Olymptic Parku. U 2 sata po podne sastaji se sampion Australije Juventus i osvajac Ansett trofeja Melbourne Croatia, dok u 4 po podne igraju Heidelberg Alexander i Preston Mladokidija.

## POSLEDNJA PROBA MLADOG TIMA

Mladi tim JUST-a igrao je prosle subote protiv najtežije utakmice protiv East Brunswicka u gostima. Utakmica se završila bez pobednika 1:1 (0:0). Strelac jedinog gola Sasa Brkic.

"Plavi" su igrali bolje prvih 60 minuta, ali su popustili pred kraj jer nisu imali snage, a kako bi je imali kada provode noci u disco klubovima.

Sastav Mark TGurdudija, Milan Djurdjevic, Marino Oblak, Mihajlo Burlak, Sasa Brkic, Zoran Pasoski.

## Olympia-WPL kept alive its hopes of qualifying for the semi-finals of the Cascade Summer Cup competition in southern Tasmania by beating Rapid 2-0 at South Hobart.

Craig Nichols gave Olympia a 1-0 interval lead but Rapid might well have been leading at that stage if veteran Hans Street, Mark Honeyman and Mark Nikolai had taken their chances.

Olympia struck again immediately after the break as Perry Forster streaked down the right before pulling the ball back for Paul Xanthopoulos to steer home.

Olympia must now beat Juventus-Pioneer today (Wednesday) to qualify after Juventus drew 2-2 with White Eagles.

Eagles produced a first-half opening 15 minutes against Juventus and Andrew Leszczynski's blistering drive after only six minutes put it in front.

It faded badly after that, however, and Romeo Fabrizio headed the equalizer early in the second half after Steve Kannegiesser had outjumped Banasis.

Bruce Pears (Juventus) and Alan Burton (Eagles) received their marching orders from referee Raymond following separate incidents in the second half before Steve Kannegiesser put Juventus in front for the first time in the match from the penalty spot.

Mark Leszczynski's header

## Tasmanian Scene with WALTER PLESS

from Neil Morrison's free kick 12 minutes from the end salvaged a point for Eagles and put it right on course for a semi-final place.

Details (Round 2, Cascade Summer Cup): University 5 (Sidall 3, Shepherd, Mallick) P.O. Saints 0, Hobart City 1 (Barker) PCL United 0, Tarons 1 (own goal) Calies Mets 1 (Bell), Gwag-Glenorchy 2 (Thompson, Kirkpatrick) Howrah 0, Olympia-WPL 2 (Nichols, Xanthopoulos) Rapid 0.

State goalkeeper Steve Craven will return to the Juventus-Pioneer team to play South

Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday in the opening round of the \$40,000 1986 Nanda Soccer Cup.

Craven, who performed brilliantly against the visiting Soceroos in 1984, is leaving for Townsville shortly and hasn't played for Juventus this season.

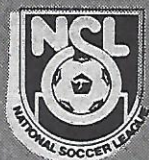
The club has signed Damon Youl from Metro-Clarendon as Craven's replacement and Youl has been keeping goal in the Cascade Summer Cup competition.

The Juventus squad for the match against Hellas is: Craven, Pears, Darko, Cochrane, Di Martino, De Felice, Smith, Fabrizio, Pace, Kannegiesser, Longo, Calvert, Lapolla, Mastarcola, Perri, Nichols and Youl.



● Juventus-Pioneer, Cadbury State League champion and Tasmanian State Premier. From left: back row: Ernest Schiro (president), L. Candon (official), Ken Morton, Lee Leon, Nick Di Martino, John Broadhouse, Steve Craven, Sergio Pace, Bruce Ward, Alistair Cochrane. Front (L-R): Steve Kannegiesser, David Clarkson, Romeo Fabrizio, Ronnie De Felice, Bruce Pears, Warren Whisson, Frank Perri. (photo by Ralph Wymond).





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### ROUND ONE

#### SATURDAY 22nd MARCH

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD vs BELMONT SWANSEA

at ADAMSTOWN, 7.30pm

HEIDELBERG UTD ALEXANDER vs PRESTON MAKEDONIA

at OLYMPIC PARK, 7.00pm

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS vs MELBOURNE CROATIA

at OLYMPIC PARK, 9.00pm

#### SUNDAY 23rd MARCH

STH MELBOURNE HELLAS vs JUVENTUS PIONEER

at MIDDLE PARK, 1.30pm

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS vs FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.

at MIDDLE PARK, 3.30pm

BRISBANE CITY vs BRISBANE LIONS

at SPENCER PARK, 3.00pm

MELITA EAGLES vs IPSWICH UTD

at MELITA STADIUM, 2.00pm

WOLLONGONG CITY vs CANTERBURY OLYMPIC

at MELITA STADIUM, 2.00pm

ST.GEORGE vs MARCONI

at ST.GEORGE STADIUM, 2.00pm

SYDNEY OLYMPIC vs APIA LEICHHARDT

at ST.GEORGE STADIUM, 4.00pm

SYDNEY CROATIA vs SYDNEY CITY

at CROATIAN SPORTS COMPLEX, 3.00pm

BLACKTOWN CITY vs WEST WODEN JUVENTUS

at GABBIE STADIUM, 3.00pm

STERLING MACEDONIA vs ADELAIDE CITY

at MACEDONIAN PARK, 3.00pm

#### WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH

GREEN GULLY vs CROYDON CITY

at OLYMPIC PARK, 7.30pm

INTER MONARO vs CANBERRA CITY

at SEIFFERT OVAL, 7.30pm

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